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Lantrip Tagged As Manager

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam Town Council voted 9-3 to hire town manager candidate Jack Lantrip of Marple, Pennsylvania, pending the completion of background research cited in Lantrip's resume.

Lantrip's resume reported he most recently served as the town manager of Marple, Pennsylvania.

Lantrip served as "secretary manager," according to him, for the community of 24,000, from 1975 to January 1984.

Following this position, Lantrip served as administrator of Warminster, Pennsylvania for several months.

Chosen Over Other Finalist

Lantrip was chosen over another finalist, known only as "Sam." This candidate hailed from Colorado.

Councilors supporting Lantrip commented that both candidates appeared qualified and capable, but that Lantrip's long term employment in previous communities, financial expertise, and maturity rendered him the preferred candidate.

Manager Search Committee Chairman Peter Longo said he would begin his research on Lantrip on Thursday, March 28th, adding he hoped to conclude his work in Pennsylvania over the weekend.

In response to questions from councilors during last Saturday's interview, Lantrip outlined several policy objectives.

Lantrip said he favored the council confirmation of appointments to department head positions.

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Agawam Firemen In Search & Rescue Drills



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, as well as other area firefighters, held a drill at the Springfield Street Fire Station on search and rescue procedures. Firefighters identified in photo are, Ron Giordano, Val Marai, Don Pisano, Steve Martin, Bill Barker Jr., Ken Blair, Gary Brown, and instructor Bob Loomer. (SEE NEXT WEEK'S ADVERTISER NEWS for complete story and more photos). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High Show Choir Festival Winners



DISPLAYING THE STYLE that recently won them top honors at the University of New Hampshire Jazz Festival, are members of the Agawam High School Show Choir. Standing, from left - Jeff Hastings, John Wise, Chris Burrows, Michael Fazio, Karin Mills, David Bartnik, and Eddie Grimaldi. Front row - Ellen Stratton, Brian Pioggia, Pam West, Colleen Nofall, John Losito, and Karen Conway. (SEE RELATED PHOTOS, PICTURES -Pages 24 & 25). Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

Sub. Coordinator Cut Causes Rift

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

The Agawam School Committee gave final approval to its proposed \$9.311 million budget, with final dialogue of its budget review centering around a \$5,000 cut to the \$10,200 position of substitute teacher coordinator.

The committee and administrators expressed hopes that the budget, representing a 6.8% increase over last year, would be approved in full by both Town Manager Katherine Pisano and by the Town Council.

Increases For Text Books & Equipment

Increases in the budget this year were concentrated mostly in the text book and acquisition of equipment accounts, which suffered cuts during last year's budget process. The town cut \$240,000 from the school committee's recommended budget a year ago.

School administration officials said this year's budget attempted to replace last year's cuts in the text book and equipment accounts, as well as carry forward this year's objectives.

Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest further noted that additional state aid to Agawam, intended for education would more than off-set this year's budget increase. Charest said this would cause the schools to need no greater portion from the town's general tax revenues.

Town Council School Budget Committee Chairman Daniel Lacienski, commented that while he did not necessarily agree with each appropriate recommended by the School Committee, the increase in text books and equipment were justified, and that the bulk of remaining increases were absorbed by salary increases, which had to be met as a result of previously negotiated contracts.

Despite the unanimous vote to approve the budget from the School Committee, several committee members entered into dialogue expressing dissent over plans to cut \$5,000 from the substitute coordinator's position.

Substitute coordinator Frances Leclerc appeared before the committee during Citizens Speak Time to ask that the funds not be cut from her position, as previously voted by the committee.

Mrs. Leclerc argued that finding qualified substitute teachers has become a competitive business among area school systems, and that the position required nearly a full workday which justified the \$10,200 salary.

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PETITION NO. AG-1164

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Agawam Education Association Executive Secretary Lawrence O'Brien presented the committee with the signatures from Agawam teachers on a petition, requesting the restoration of the \$5,000 cut.

O'Brien said the AEA offered the petition with over 200 signatures to "show the committee our moral support for the performance Mrs. Leclerc has given us."

O'Brien said Mr. Leclerc was highly cognizant of teacher in-put into the substitute selection process, and argued the services would decline if the funding was cut in half.

Committee member Rosemary Sandlin, who initiated the cut at last week's meeting, said she had no argument against Mrs. Leclerc's job performance, but questioned the necessity of the position at its present funding.

Mrs. Sandlin noted a survey of 15 neighboring communities showed more than half of the communities provided no funding for the position.

She said of the communities that did fund the position, Agawam spent twice as much.

Mrs. Sandlin further noted records concerning substitute teachers and absences of teachers, were maintained both by Mrs. Leclerc as well as the school administration's central office.

More Streamlined System Needed

Mrs. Sandlin argued, "We need a more streamlined system. It's the responsibility of those elected to the School Committee to serve as a watchdog over public funds, and to require the administration to spend those funds most prudently." Mrs. Sandlin maintained that a separation of duties between Mrs. Leclerc and the secretarial staff serving the administration would be adequate to deliver the services needed for coordinating substitute teachers.

School Committee member Bernadette Conte also took exception to the present funding, commenting, "There is nothing wrong with the job performance of Mrs. Leclerc, but the administration has allowed a \$2,000 a year position of substitute coordinator to snowball for the last 14 years into a surrogate administrative position."

Committee members Jessie Fuller and Roberta Doering, who had voted in favor of the cut during the previous meeting, said they would also vote for the budget with the cut to show unity.

Both also said they were not in favor of the way the matter was being handled.

Registry Of Deeds

Total documents for the week ending March 15th, 1985

| REGISTRY | LAND REGISTRATION |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Deeds 193 | Deeds 7 |
| Mortgages 220 | Mortgages 11 |
| Discharges 176 | Discharges 7 |
| Foreclosures 0 | Foreclosures 0 |
| Attachments 15 | Attachments 0 |
| Miscellaneous 439 | Miscellaneous 13 |
| Total 1,043 | Total 38 |

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However, after questioning from Councilor Andrew Gallano, who maintained confirmation might not be legal, Lantrip said he would be willing to "work very closely with the council" on appointments. He said that if in fact the procedure might violate the charter or state law, he was in favor of close cooperation, without actually going through the prescribed confirmation process.

Lantrip added he has had positive experience working with personnel boards, as well as commissions overseeing police and fire departments.

Bidding On Insurance

Lantrip also said he initiated competitive bidding for municipal insurance which gave the community substantial savings. He said he would look into the possibility of doing the same here.

In further response to questions from councilors, Lantrip said he was very much in favor of working with developers and business sector of the community. He said he considered Agawam a "progressive town."

If hired, Lantrip will replace present Town Manager Katherine Pisano who has indicated her desire to retire in July. The position currently pays approximately \$40,000 in annual salary, as well as \$10,000 in benefits.

Republican Party Schedules Breakfast Meeting April 13th

A breakfast meeting of Republicans interested in rebuilding the Republican Party in Agawam will be held on Saturday morning, April 13th, at 8:30 a.m., at DaVinci's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The guest speaker will be a member of the Republican State Committee. Republican and Independent voters are invited to attend. Please note the date. It is different than originally planned.

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MUNICIPAL EVENTS

COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Monday, April 1st
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Friday, April 5th
Schools Closed
GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

Thursday, April 4th
Planning Board Meeting
Public Library
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 9th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School
7:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 13th
Breakfast Meeting
Republican Town Committee
Da Vinci's Restaurant
8:30 A.M.

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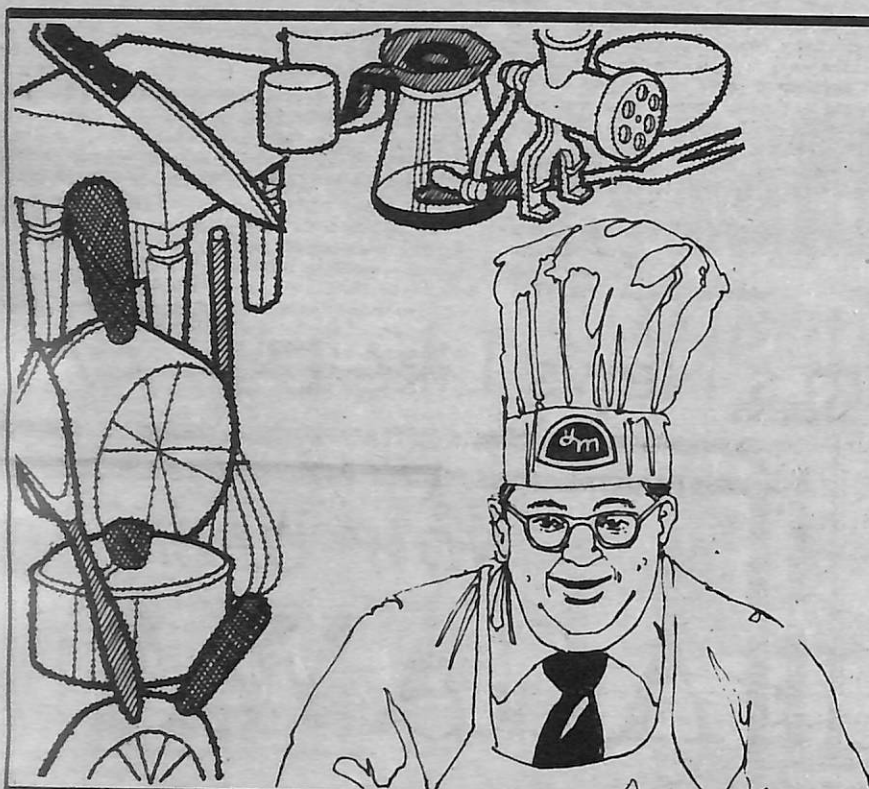


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PETITION NO. AG-1170

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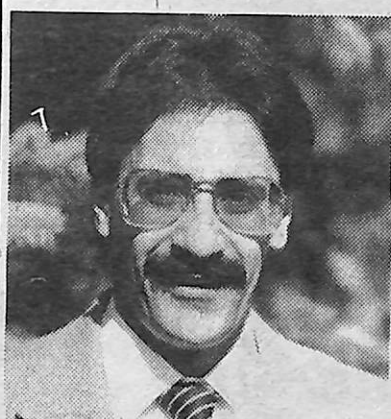
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AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m., on April 4, 1985, in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing will be to hear the petition of James & Rose Mercadante to rezone approximately 33.58 acres of Agricultural and Residential A-2 to Residential A-3, land situated on the westerly side of Main Street and the easterly side of Pineview Circle, being further described and bounded.

Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
Published: March 28th, 1985

Beginning at a point situated in the westerly line of Main Street, said point being the southeasterly corner of land, now or formerly of O'Connor, said point of beginning being the northeasterly corner of the parcel herein described; thence running, S 13°42'00"W Along the westerly line of Main Street, a distance of 181.88 feet to a point; thence S 15°52'53"W Along the westerly line of Main Street, a distance of 19.43 feet to a point at Lot 2, land, now or formerly of Frank Solatario; thence N 67°52'06"W Along land of Lot 2 and land, now or formerly of Frank Solatario, a distance of 295.26 feet to a point; thence S 23°27'32"W Along land of Solatario, a distance of 300.00 feet to a point at land, now or formerly of Oden D. & Beatrice M. Baker; thence N 68°30'01"W Along land of Baker, a distance of 258.54 feet to a point; thence S 11°18'11"W Along land of Baker, a distance of 105.83 feet to a point at land now or formerly, of Raymond Casella; thence N 66°48'07"W Along land of Casella, a distance of 213.11 feet to a point; thence N 65°52'29"W Along land of Casella, a distance of 486.45 feet to a point situated in the easterly line of Lot 14 as shown on a plan of Pine View Circle recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans — Page —; thence N 26°17'30"E Along Lot 14 and Lot 13 as shown on said plan, a distance of 329.24 feet to a point; thence N 00°56'20"W Along Lot 13, Lot 12 and Lot 11, a distance of 351.43 feet to a point; thence N 89°46'20"W Along the northerly line of Lot 11, a distance of 87.45 feet to a point; thence SOUTHWESTERLY By a curve to the left, having a radius of 40.00 feet, a distance of 68.83 feet along the northerly line of Lot 11 to a point situated in the easterly line of Pine View Circle; thence N 00°13'40"E Along the easterly line of Pine View Circle, a distance of 130.00 feet to a point at Lot 10 as shown on said plan; thence SOUTHEASTERLY By a curve to the left, having a radius of 40.00 feet, a distance of 68.83 feet along the southerly line of Lot 10 to a point; thence S 89°46'20"E Along the southerly line of Lot 10, a distance of 86.43 feet to a point at land, now or formerly of Wysocki; thence S 87°50'00"E Along land of Wysocki, a distance of 150.00 feet to a point; thence N 00°40'00"W along land of Wysocki, a distance of 77.52 feet to a point; thence N 00°13'40"E Along land of Wysocki, a distance of 1038.30 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Maria Seaholm; thence N 83°26'40"E Along land of Seaholm, a distance of 209.58 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Emerson and Merilda Campbell; thence S 16°01'07"W Along land of Campbell, a distance of 43.31 feet to a point; thence S 80°31'50"E Along land of Campbell and land, now or formerly, of Elizabeth M. Wolcott, a distance of 644.23 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Agawam Lions Club Park Inc.; thence S 15°35'16"W Along land, now or formerly of Agawam Lions Club Park, Inc., a distance of 902.47 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Lena M. Cushman; thence S 14°42'57"W Along land of Cushman, a distance of 549.95 feet to a point; thence S 76°17'58"E Along land of Cushman and land, now or formerly, of O'Connor, a distance of 617.33 feet to a point situated in the westerly line of Main Street, the point of beginning.

The above described parcel of land contains 33.58 Acres, more or less, and all as shown on a plan made by Durkee, White, Towne & Chapdelaine, Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, 356 Front Street, Chicopee, Mass. 01013, Drawing No. 100-5903, Sheet 30, Dated March 30, 1984, entitled "Site Plan Proposed R-A-3."

By order of the Agawam Planning Board
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE

Springfield Mayor Neal Honors UNICO Chief With Proclamation

Springfield Mayor Richard E. Neal, during a recent visit of UNICO National President Anthony Gaglioti to the area, presented the UNICO chief with a proclamation from the City of Springfield.

Last month, Agawam Unicans, as well as Unicans from around the area, honored Gaglioti with their presence at a banquet at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield.

The proclamation states: "WHEREAS, Anthony Gaglioti serves as president of the National Organization of UNICO, and has arrived to give members of the Greater Springfield UNICO an opportunity to meet him and;

WHEREAS, as president of UNICO National, he presides over 29 districts, 146 chapters, and over 7000 members and;

WHEREAS, UNICO National is the largest non-profit Italian-American service organization and should be recognized and commended for its outstanding contributions to numerous charities and;

WHEREAS, the members of the UNICO organization of the Greater Springfield area are proud of the leadership and significant achievements that Mr. Gaglioti has made to the organization.

NOW, therefore, I, Richard E. Neal, mayor of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 14th, 1985, as "Anthony Gaglioti Day" in the City of Springfield, and I urge all our citizens to join me in extending him a warm welcome to Springfield and our best wishes in all his future endeavors."

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Families

Renee Marie Dumond To Wed Mr. Daniel Farlow

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Dumond Jr., of Woodbridge, Virginia, formerly of Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Marie, to Daniel B. Farlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Farlow, Sr. of Alexandria, Virginia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Larkin High School in Elgin, Illinois, and is employed by Epic Mortgage, Inc., in Fall Church, Virginia, as assistant manager in the Investor Reporting Department.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Bishop Ireton High School and is employed by Basic's of Woodbridge as a deli department manager.

An August wedding is planned at St. Louis Church. Miss Dumond is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dumond, Sr. of Springfield, formerly owners of Dumond Glass Company in Feeding Hills.

Also, Miss Dumond is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrien Gamache of Springfield. Ms. Dumond is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ryan of Feeding Hills.

St. Theresa's Church Schedules Holy Week Retreat

The parish family of St. Theresa's is invited to take part in a three-day retreat, Monday to Wednesday, April 1st to 3rd, at 7:00 p.m., in the church.

Rev. Daniel Donovan, CSSR, a Redemptorist priest associated with St. Alphonsus College in Suffield, will be the retreat master.

His theme for the "Parish Family Retreat" is the "The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in 1985." The evening sessions will begin with mass and the talk will be included as a part of the Eucharistic Celebration.

All members and guests are invited to come. What better way can one have to conclude the Lenten season and prepare for the Easter Triduum than sharing in the blessings and graces of a retreat? Come!

Daughters Of Isabella Schedule Pot Luck Supper

Loyalty Circle 356, Daughters of Isabella, will hold a "pot luck supper" on April 3rd, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Park Street, West Springfield.

The buffet will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m., and those bringing food should be there at 6:00 p.m.

Guests are invited and members and guests are required to bring their own plates and silverware.

The co-chairwomen are Leza Petell and Amelia Skrok, assisted by committee members Dorothy Caldon, Frances Perry, Carol Prologo, Eleanor Shelly, Doris Willard and Janet Wysocki.

St. Anthony CCD Slates April Fashion Show



ST. ANTHONY'S OF PADUA CHURCH in North Agawam, in conjunction with the church's CCD classes, will be holding a "Ladies Fashion Show" at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills on April 17th, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be obtained by calling the church rectory at 786-3724, from CCD teachers, and after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, each Sunday morning. Refreshments and door prizes will be included. Pictured above are, from left - Ann Phillips, Cindy Napoli, Rosalie Napoli, and Carmella Marzano, owner and operator of Sal's Boutique on Cooper Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Advertiser News Receives VFW Award

Accompanied by District 7 President Patricia Langelier, Rita Shea, state publicity chairwoman to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, presented a "Communications Award" from National VFW to the *Agawam Advertiser News* for presenting publicity and photos, and for supporting the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW.

"Without such civic cooperation from Agawam's hometown newspaper, the local VFW would not be able to reach out to the community in the manner we do," said Mrs. Shea.

"Agawam is truly fortunate to have a hometown

newspaper like *The Agawam Advertiser News*," she said.

The award reads, "Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Communications Award presented to Agawam Advertiser News in recognition of outstanding reporting of VFW Auxiliary Programs of patriotism and service, aiding veterans and their families, community and Nation. Our sincere appreciation for helping us help others...for helping preserve the Greatness of America!"

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Coupons, recipes and drawings, plus nutritional tips will be available at the show. Over 80 exhibitors will display and demonstrate their products and answer all types of questions about their products.

There will be entertainment and cooking demonstrations throughout the show. Jacques Pepin, master chef, TV personality and renowned author, will be cooking on the main stage.

Michael Tylo (plays Quinton McCord Chamberlain) from CBS's "The Guiding Light," will be cooking on the main stage on Saturday. He will be available to meet fans and sign autographs.

Diane DiPiero, nutritionist and consultant, will be holding seminars, giving cooking demonstrations and answering questions throughout the show. Representatives from King Arthur Flour and L'Amitie Restaurant will give cooking demonstrations on the main stage.

There will be continual cooking demonstrations going on throughout the two day Cooking Expo. This is your chance to taste and sample food, collect recipes and coupons, and pick up great nutritional information all in one place!

Show hours are Saturday, March 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 31st, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission is \$3.50 at the door. \$1.00 discount coupons can be picked up at any Big Y Store. Children under 8 are admitted free, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Springfield Mended Hearts To Meet At Elks Lodge

On Wednesday, April 3rd, the Mended Hearts, Chapter 37 of Greater Springfield, will hold their meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Anyone interested in pre or post cardiac surgery is welcome to attend. Events for the evening will include a travelogue by Larry King.

Refreshments will be served.



JACK LUTTRELL

Jack Luttrell Promoted At Friendly Ice Cream Corp.

Friendly Ice Cream Corporation announces the recent promotion of Jack Luttrell to the position of manager, existing business marketing.

In his new position, Luttrell will be responsible for developing and executing the marketing programs associated with the existing business food segment.

A graduate of Westfield State College with a B.A. in economics, Luttrell has been with Friendly for 13 years. Prior to his present position, he was a marketing project specialist in the marketing department.

Luttrell and his family currently reside in Feeding Hills.

ALL THE HOMETOWN NEWS

Jim Ferraro Earns Promotion At First National Supermarkets

First National Supermarkets is pleased to announce the promotion of Jim Ferraro to director of Financial Reporting and Systems Development.

Ferraro has been with First National for six years and was most recently manager of General Accounting. Before joining First National, he obtained his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Massachusetts, and held positions with the John H. Breck Company in West Springfield, and H.P. Hood in Agawam.

In his new position, Ferraro will continue to oversee the general and financial accounting functions. In addition, he will maximize the effectiveness of the computer program and establish an in-house accounting trainee program.

Ferraro, and his wife, Carol, and daughter, Beth, reside in Agawam.

Lung Association Sponsors Program To Quit Smoking

If you have been thinking about quitting smoking, Mercy Hospital and the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts would like to show you how.

"Freedom From Smoking in 20 Days," a four-session program to help you kick the habit, will be offered at Mercy Hospital starting on April 3rd, at 7:00 p.m.

Films, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques will be offered to help break your dependence on cigarettes.

Register by calling Gail Gramarossa at the Lung Association at 737-3506. You must be registered to attend.

Agawam Women's Club Plans Tag And Bake Sale

The Agawam Women's Club will hold a "Tag and Bake Sale" on Saturday, March 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

There will be jewelry, plants, books, good used clothing, attic treasures, as well as food for sale.

This is the club's major fundraising event of the year, with proceeds used to carry on the programs for veterans at Holyoke Hospital, friendship teas for the senior ladies of the community, special donations, and other projects.

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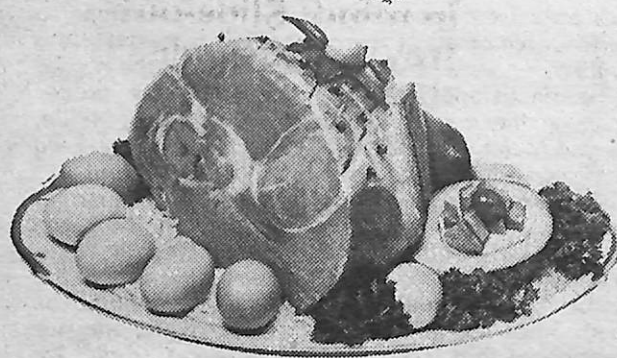
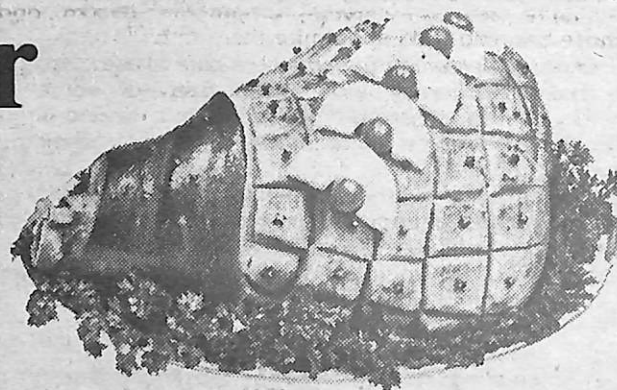
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by
Marilyn & Dick Curry

The Animal Cemetery Of Feeding Hills

SECOND OF A TWO-PART SERIES

Historical Background Of Animal Cemetery

In an effort to uncover the necessary early history of the Feeding Hills Animal Cemetery, the town history did verify that it was located on the Smith Farm.

In reference to the 1894 Town Map of Agawam, we were able to locate two families, both listed as J. B. Smith, situated on the east side of North Westfield Street, just beyond North Street. However, this property did not coincide with the actual location of the place in question, since it was too far south of the landmark.

After many phone calls, we were able to ascertain that the original land on which the cemetery was located was owned by a gentleman farmer from West Springfield by the name of Allen.

It seems he had five daughters who, apparently having inherited the farm and land, employed a Walter Smith to manage the farm.

Again, we referred to the 1894 map and did locate a Miss M. J. Allen, whose property certainly ascribed to the appropriate location of the site.

From further information we were able to verify, with some certainty, that it was during the proprietorship of the Allen family that the animal cemetery was first conceived.

Since there is no mention of property belonging to either Allen or Walter Smith on the 1869 map of the town, nor prior to this date, we can assume with reason that the cemetery must have been established sometime between 1869 and 1894. Hence, this explains the use of white limestone markers characteristic of the 19th century.

After further investigation, we were able to establish that the Allen family must have been of some monetary means, whereby they were in a financial position to pay for a memorial tribute to certain of their beloved animals.

Because of the apparent largeness of the area and due to the number of headstones, it seems evident that the cemetery had been in use for a number of years, while being properly enclosed and maintained. Still further, it appears that the late Dr. Dowling had been the family veterinarian.

Identification Of The Surnames

It is interesting to note that at least two dozen headstones were recovered in the hasty attempt to save what remained of the cemetery.

In time, we were able to identify some of the names on the headstones, relating them to their proper species in the animal kingdom: Ruby, Ruth, Nellie, Dick and Major were horses; Tip-Tail, Bess, Ray, Ferd and Mother White were cats; and Ned was a dog.

The names George, Glen, Fred and Mickey must, for the present, remain anonymous. Apparently, no cattle were buried within the sacred plot.

What at first seemed of historical significance to the town of Agawam and Feeding Hills was later to be denied. Since the initial investigation of the site, we have learned that it was not altogether a "first" for Massachusetts, since there are other such animal burial sites known to exist outside of the township.

Yet, this does not really matter. The fact remains that Agawam, via Feeding Hills, did have its own personal animal cemetery, and there is comfort in the knowledge that even at the turn of the 19th century, at least one local citizen displayed an appreciation for other forms of life!

Our native people, the American Indian, believed that all living things had a spirit, a soul. In his appreciation for Nature, the Indian showed a total respect for life in general. In the Feeding Hills Animal Cemetery, we have much to learn in the way of paying due respect to all living things!

Giving Credit Where Credit Is Due

Despite the fact that the site of the Feeding Hills Animal Cemetery has been lost to posterity, the headstones, the photographs and at least some history of the site remained for preservation.

Thanks to the intervention of local developer Frank Solitario of Feeding Hills, we were able to obtain photographs of what did remain of the cemetery, and we were able to remove most of the headstones that one day might be appropriately reassigned to a more fitting location as a tribute to man's concern for life.

There is no doubt that our research is but a fragment of truth concerning the Feeding Hills Animal



HERE ARE TWO PHOTOS provided by local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry at the Feeding Hills Animal Cemetery. The photos were taken after the 1979 tornado.

Cemetery. Our first interest was devoted to the preservation of a segment of Agawam's past, and we do realize that there is much to be learned if truth is of importance.

Accordingly, we suggest that should anyone have any information regarding the Feeding Hills Cemetery, we would appreciate their contacting us so that the information might be properly recorded by the Agawam Historical Association.

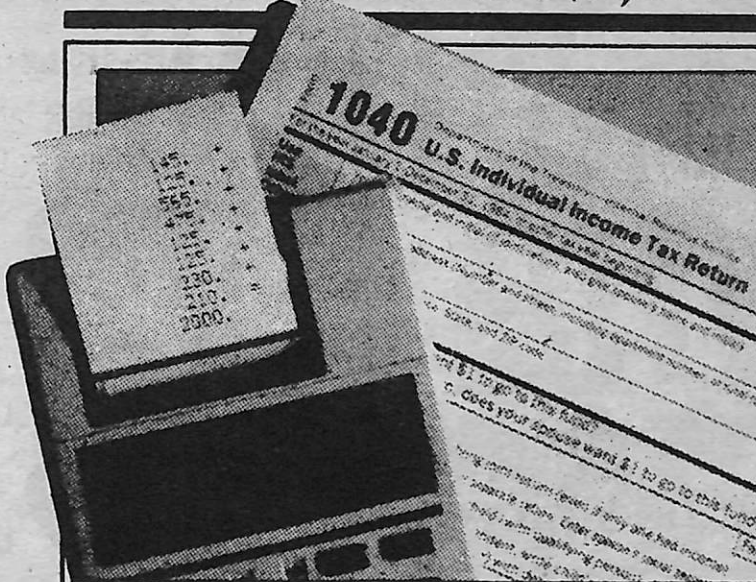
We would be remiss if this article ended without credit given to Susan Bonini and Fred and Pauline Flathman, who not only brought this to our attention, but also assisted in the removal of the stones.

Most certainly, we are grateful to Frank Solitario and Bob Lloyd, local developers, who, through their personal interest in this project, have exemplified that progress and development can work hand-in-hand toward the preservation of our local historical landmarks!

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Last week, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry discussed the "Feeding Hills Animal Cemetery," once located on newly developed land off Robin Ridge Drive in Feeding Hills. Through the help of local developers and landowners, many of the grave stones were saved when the cemetery was first uncovered in 1982. The Currys welcome comments and suggestions about their popular column.

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MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

by Vi Massoia

Colleen Marie McCarthy New Baby

The first child of BERT and DEBBI (BRIGNOLI) McCARTHY of Oak Crest Drive, Westfield, is a beautiful baby girl named COLLEEN MARIE.

Born on March 4th she weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and measured 22½ inches long.

Extremely happy over the birth of their granddaughter are ALBERT and ELEANOR McCARTHY of South Street, Holyoke, and HENRY and MARION BRIGNOLI of Begley Street, North Agawam.

Colleen's great-grandpa is JAMES O. BERGMANN who lives in Holyoke.

This charming little "miss" is the first child of ROBERT and DONNA (BRUSSEAU) AGUSTYNOWICZ of Laro Road, Westfield.

Born on February 27th, KARYN ANGELINA weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and measured 20 inches long.

She is the first grandchild of DOROTHY BRUSSEAU (and the late ERNEST BRUSSEAU) of Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Karyn's other grandparents are BARBARA AGUSTYNOWICZ of Springfield and WALTER AGUSTYNOWICZ.

Ninety-seven year old great-grandpa FRANCIS AGUSTYNOWICZ lives in West Springfield.

Sorry about last week's print on the parents of TONY KUNASEK. His mom is not LINDA (that's his sister) it is LOUISE.

Also, last week in the article, on the high scoring bowlers, it was TERRI OUELLETTE with a 362 instead of Debbie Ouellette. Sorry Terri.

Being in the hospital is no fun, especially when you are just a kindergartener and miss your friends and family.

TIMOTHY "TIMMY" VEIGHEY of Norris Street in Feeding Hills is a patient at the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield and was operated on Monday, March 25th. His family reported during a recent telephone conversation that he is doing fine and should be back home in a couple of weeks.

"He is taking it real well," his dad remarked. This is the third hospital stay for the young boy and he will have to return again for physical therapy and use crutches for a time.

Timmy's parents are RICHARD and ALTHEA "BOCKEY" VEIGHEY. Timmy is a student at Clark School with his older brother, SCOTT, and his other brother, RICHARD JR. is a student at Agawam Junior High School.

Timmy's grandparents are MARY and JACK CAMPBELL of Indian Orchard and NATALIE MUCHMORE of Feeding Hills.

All of Timmy's relatives and friends join together in wishing him a speedy recovery.

EVELYN & ALFRED MARTEL of Florida wish to thank all their former friends and neighbors of Agawam for all the beautiful cards they received for their 50th anniversary.

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Division Of Employment Sec. Seeks Phone-Book Droppers

The Springfield Office of the Division of Employment Security announces that the area distributor of telephone directories is seeking individuals for temporary, part-time jobs delivering this year's directories in the greater Springfield area and surrounding communities.

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Interested applicants should report directly to the American Legion Post 430, 605 Liberty Street, Springfield, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 2nd.

The American Legion Post 430 is located just off the Armory Street exit of Route 291, next to the A & P Supermarket (accessible through the A & P parking lot).

No applications will be available before the April 2nd recruitment at the American Legion Hall.

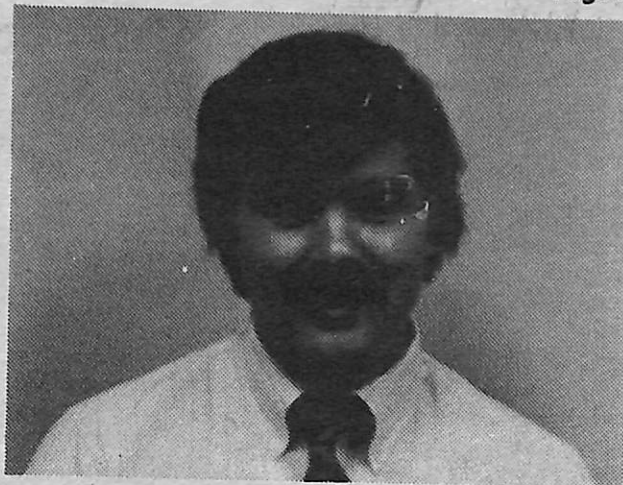
Order Of St. Luke To Meet In West Springfield

The Order of St. Luke the Physician will meet on Thursday, April 2nd, at the First Congregational Church on Park Street, West Springfield.

The service will begin at 7:00 p.m., in the chapel.

Alice Bethel will be speaking on ways to become a greater channel of God's healing, love, and grace. The service will culminate with the laying of hands for those with physical or spiritual needs.

All are welcome. For information call 739-6184, evenings.



DOCTOR JAY M. UNGAR of Agawam.

Dr. Jay Ungar Named Medical Director At Baystate

Jay M. Ungar, MD, has been named medical director of Baystate Medical Center's two satellite health centers.

As medical director, Dr. Ungar will develop, implement, manage and evaluate all programs provided at the Neighborhood Health Center, 756 State Street, and the Brightwood/Riverview Health Center, 103 Division Street.

A graduate of Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Dr. Ungar joined Baystate Medical Center in 1977 as coordinator of Medical Clinics at the Springfield Hospital Unit.

He has served as attending physician in the adult health program since that time.

Dr. Ungar resides in Agawam with his wife and daughter.

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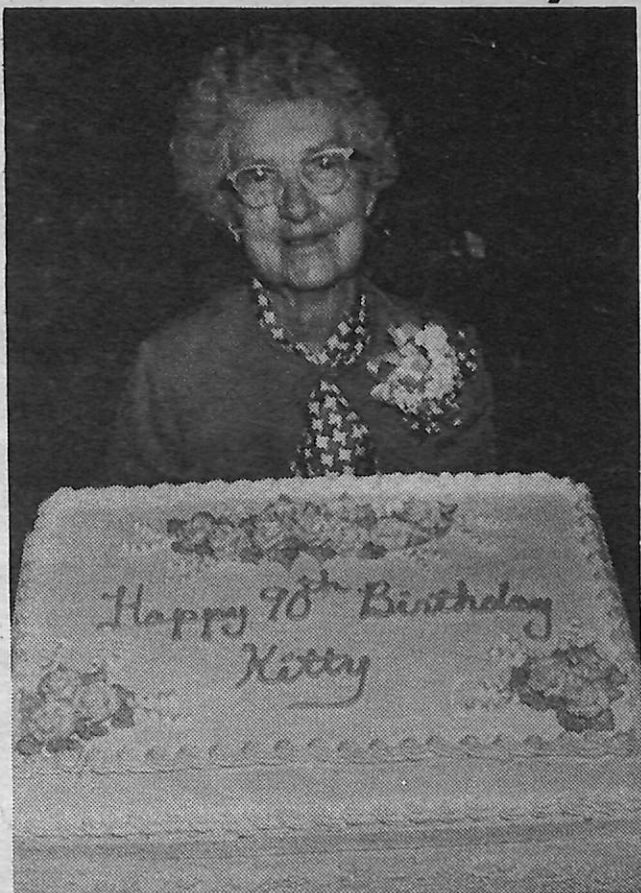
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Kitty Lowell Celebrates 90th Birthday



MRS. O.E. "KITTY" LOWELL of Gunn Geary Lane, Agawam, proudly displayed her birthday cake for year number 90. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MRS. O.E. "KITTY" LOWELL with her family at her Sunday, March 17th, 90th birthday party, at the Agawam Congregational Church. Back row, from left - Barbara Domeziano, Bill Lowell, and Jim Lowell. Second row - Jackie Lounsbury, Cara Domeziano, Sally Lowell, Linda Gonyea, and Harry Lounsbury. Front row - John Lowell, A.C. Domeziano, and Mrs. Lowell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Riverside Park Set To Open On Saturday April 6th

Riverside Park, New England's largest amusement park, is "gearing up" for the start of the 1985 season. Riverside employees have been working steadily in the preparation and anticipation of the April 6th opening.

Riverside has planned the 1985 season with more thrills and excitement than ever before. There will be old favorites to enjoy, like the 1909 hand-carved Illion Merry-Go-Round, or new additions like the wet and wild "Kiddy Flume," located in the newly refurbished

"Kiddy Land."

Rides are only a part of what Riverside has to offer. New shows have been added to the line-up of great entertainment. Scores of food stands and treats from around the world will be offered, along with challenging games located throughout the park, testing the skills of even the most ardent player.

Every Saturday night at 7:30 p.m., beginning April 6th, the Riverside Park Speedway will be featuring

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You can see the best drivers in the Northeast compete in highly-tuned automobiles along the oval quarter-mile track.

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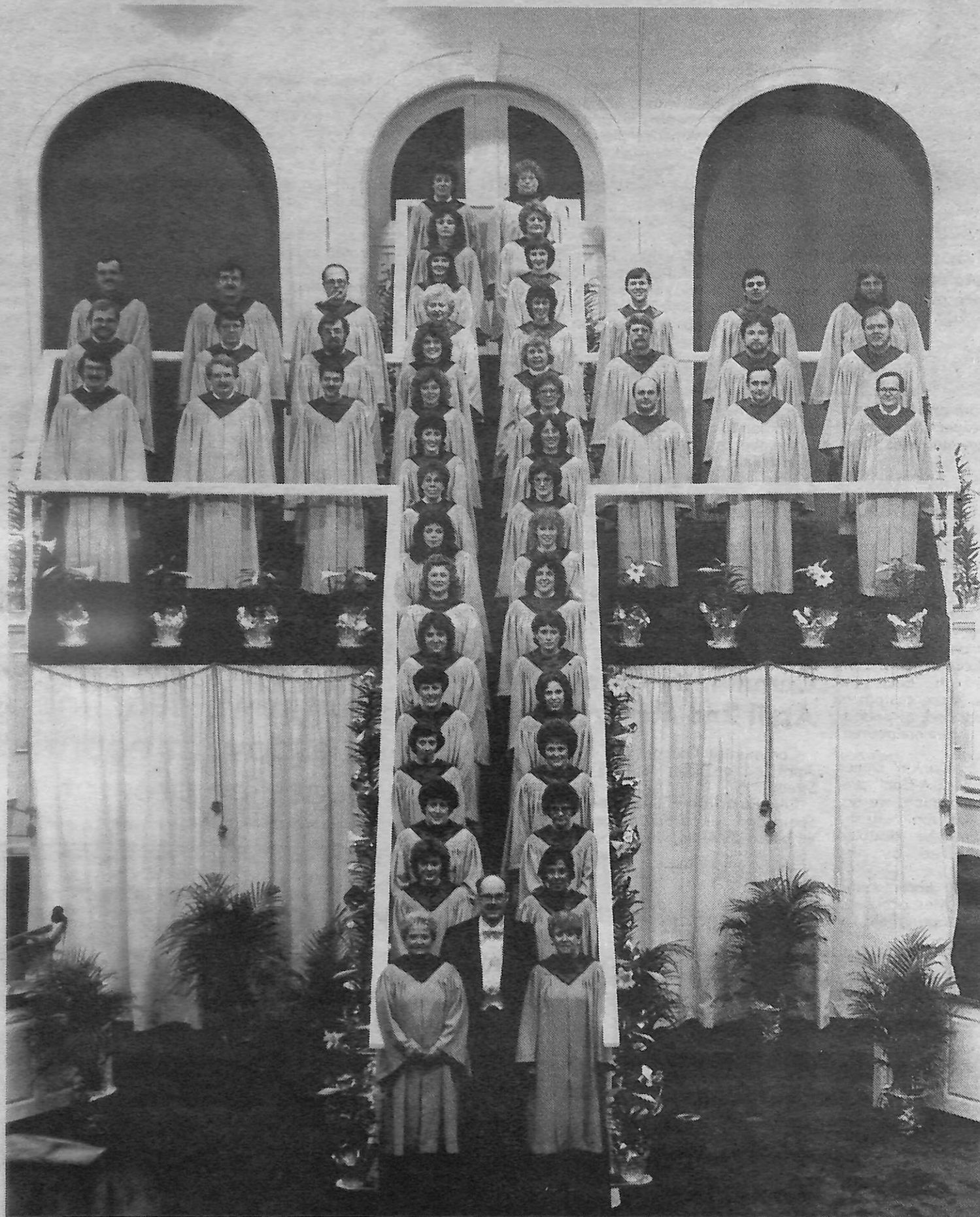
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FEEDING HILLS PODIATRIST Dr. Michael S. Haynes with his sister, Egyptologist Joyce Haynes, who is a 1965 graduate of Agawam High. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

Dunkin' Donuts Helps Mass. Easter Seals

It started in this area on March 15th and by March 29th, the day it's all over, sponsors expect to be pouring gallons of free coffee for Agawam, West Springfield and Westfield residents.

It's the "Buck-A-Cup" drive, sponsored each year at this time by the Dunkin' Donuts Corporation, to raise funds for the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society.

During the special two-week period, customers make a \$1 donation at any participating Dunkin' Donut shop, locally at the Agawam, West Springfield and Westfield stores.

In return, a button is given which can be redeemed at any Dunkin' Donut shop on Friday, March 29th, for a free cup of coffee.

According to Jay Dubinsky, chairman of the Dunkin' Donuts Northeast Zone Advisory Council, public interest in the "Buck-A-Cup" event is high. "Each year we've seen this special effort grow. More customers participate, more shops get involved, and, of course, on "Coffee Day," more free cups of coffee are poured. This year is no exception."

"Last year, \$10,000 was raised by Dunkin' Donut shops across the state during the "Buck-A-Cup" promotion," said Dubinsky. "As a corporation, we are delighted to unite in this effort to help maintain the many programs and services for the disabled youngsters and adults conducted by the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society."

For more information, contact any participating Dunkin' Donut shop or the Western Massachusetts Regional Easter Seal Office in West Springfield, at 734-6434.

Local Podiatrist Returns From Egyptian Tour

by Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Agawam Podiatrist Dr. Michael S. Haynes and his younger sister Joyce Haynes just returned from a three week tour of Egypt (February 23rd to March 12th).

Miss Haynes is an expert Egyptologist and was leading a tour group through Egypt and persuaded her brother to accompany the group.

During a recent interview with the two travelers, Dr. Haynes said, "It was a trip of a lifetime for me because Joyce was able to bring the tour off the beaten track due to her vast knowledge of the land."

He added that he also wanted to be included in family conversations as Joyce has been to Egypt dozens of times and their mother, Louise (Haynes) Meltzer, visited Egypt three years ago. Still left to tour Egypt is their brother, Agawam resident Walter Haynes. Miss Haynes said, "He hasn't been yet, maybe next year."

Padiherchef

Miss Haynes was curator for the recent "Padiherchef: the Egyptian Mummy Exhibition," that was at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum in Springfield this past winter. She said about the exhibit, "The museum hired me to acquire Egyptian works of art from North America that would illustrate the life and religion of Padiherchef in his time and history."

She acquired Egyptian artifacts from many museums, including the Metropolitan in New York, Brooklyn Museum, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Cleveland Museum of Art, and the Royal Ontario Museum in Canada.

The two month exhibit at the Springfield museum was very successful and many people were in awe of the unwrapped face of the mummy on display. During the Padiherchef exhibit, Miss Haynes gave lectures and also taught a course in Egyptian Hieroglyphics.

Also, due to her knowledge of the ancient picture script, she was able to organize the writing on the mummy case and unraveled many mysteries.

Interesting Tour

Dr. Haynes expressed that "it was great to walk into a tomb and Joyce would read the Hieroglyphics!" The 18-member tour group travelled about 600 miles on the River Nile.

"Bird lovers would especially enjoy seeing blue dynasty herons, egrets, geese, ducks, diving kingfishers that live along the Nile," Miss Haynes said. "The hats were fun," Dr. Haynes added. "We bought hats in all of the different places. There were Saudi Arabia Kafayahs, Bedouin Turbans, and little Nubian hats."

Both of the Haynes' brought back replicas of ancient Egyptian artifacts. They sailed the Nile, rode on camels, took photographs of the pyramids and the Sphinx, and visited many archaeological sites.

Community Grange Plan April 2nd Meeting

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, April 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., in Grange hall on North West Street.

Ellie Bostwick, acting master, will show pictures on Spain and Africa during the evening. A social hour, with refreshments, will follow the program.

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The tour group was comprised of family, friends, students, and the curious from the greater Springfield area. Dr. Haynes said that he was impressed with the Crocodile mummies, with ten foot snouts and also visiting "The Valley of the Kings."

They discovered the tomb of a stone mason such as "Paddy" from the recent Springfield museum exhibition but never found Padiherchef's. They stayed in four major cities with temperatures in the evening at 55 degrees and climbing to the low 80's in the daytime. All enjoyed deluxe accommodations and in one city stayed at the "Holiday Day Inn Pyramids."

The group watched the digging out of a temple in Sakara, and viewed the "Step Pyramids" a short distance from Cairo. They went into Persian Wells 100 feet deep where tunnels leading to tombs could be found.

Joyce Haynes

Besides being a noted Archaeologist and Egyptologist, Miss Haynes is currently working on her doctoral dissertation. She plans to visit Egypt again this fall for the fourteenth time. A former Agawam resident, she attended Agawam Junior High School and graduated from Agawam High School in 1965. Upon completion of high school, she attended Springfield Technical Community College where she graduated as a dental assistant. After working in that field one year, she decided to attend Holyoke Community College and majored in liberal arts.

She remained there two years and transferred to Simmons College in Boston and received her BA degree.

She was employed four years at Isabella Steward Gardiner Museum in Boston where she became interested in Egyptology. Miss Haynes had discovered Egyptian Scarabs with Hieroglyphics that had never been translated. She said that she became interested and translated the objects for the museum.

Later, she began taking courses at Cambridge Center in that field and at the Museum of Fine Arts.

She also attended the University of Harvard and took courses at Brandeis University. She received her M.A. degree from the University of Toronto and for the last five years has been working towards her doctorate.

Miss Haynes showed us an interesting statue of an Egyptian goddess she is conducting her dissertation on. The replica is in a beautiful shade of cobalt blue.

The next Egyptian trip is planned for the end of October to early November. If anyone is interested in learning more about the tour, call Miss Haynes at 736-1727.

Dr. Michael Haynes has his offices at the Crossroad Shoppes at 24 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Our news deadline is
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Please be prompt.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31st
Agawam High Wrestling Banquet
Crestview Country Club
6:00 p.m.

Monday - Wednesday
April 1st-3rd
Holy Week Retreat
St. Theresa Church
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2nd
Agawam Junior High Band Concert
Junior High Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10th
Fashion Show
Parents For Transportation
St. John's Parish Center
7:30 p.m.



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Agawam Obituaries...

John J. Dean

Agawam: John J. Dean, 65 of 1178 Suffield Street, retired foreman at Premoid Corp., West Springfield, died Saturday, March 23rd, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. He worked at the company 40 years and retired in 1981. A lifelong resident of Agawam, and an Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of St. John the Evangelical Church. He leaves his wife, the former Rose Greene; three sons, John D. of Warwick, R.I., and David L. and Michael T., both of Agawam; a daughter, Debra Cremonti of East Longmeadow; three brothers, George of Hartford, Frank of Agawam, and Albert of Brownsville, Texas; four sisters, Susan Dudley of Agawam, Rita Beggs and Rosemary White, both of Springfield, and Veronica Morin of Hartford; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. The funeral was Tuesday morning in the church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Sophia E. Miller

Agawam: Sophia E. (Beyer) Miller, 83, of Cooper Street, died Thursday, March 21st, in a local nursing home. Born in Cottage Hill, Iowa, she lived in Epworth, Iowa, most of her life and Agawam more than a year. She was the widow of Lyle E. Miller. She leaves two daughters, Enid M. Miller of Springfield and Carol Rockwell of Canton, Pennsylvania; a son, Norman of Seattle, Washington; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The funeral and burial was in Epworth. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, Springfield, was in charge locally.

Mildred E. Lafond

Agawam: Mildred E. (O'Connor) Lafond, 74, of Bethlehem, New Hampshire, died Wednesday, March 20th, in a West Stewartown, New Hampshire nursing home. Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam many years in Littleton, New Hampshire several years and in Bethlehem a short time. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church and the Golden Agers, both Agawam. Her husband, Frederick H. Lafond, died in 1979. She leaves two sons, David J. Lafond of Westfield and James F. of Suffield, Connecticut; a daughter, Mildred J. Lafond of Bethlehem; 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday morning at Curran Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Donations may be made to Western Massachusetts Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, 01005.

Lena Liquori

Lena (Albano) Liquori, 81, of 24 Longhill Street, Springfield, retired owner of Western Beef Market, Longhill Street, died Thursday, March 21st, in Mercy Hospital.

A lifelong resident of Springfield, she was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Her husband, Alfonso Liquori, died in 1980.

She leaves three daughters, Rose M. Maruca of Agawam, Jennie M. Basile of Springfield, and Lena A. Pelouquin of West Springfield; a brother, Orlando Albano of Springfield; five sisters, Millie Ferri of Agawam, Jennie Laudate of Chicopee, Patricia Moccio of Agawam, Philomena Napolitan of Springfield and Anna Scibelli of Southwick; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday morning at Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

John P. Feriole

Agawam: John P. Feriole, 84, of 12 Scherpa Street, a retired employee of the town Water Department, died Thursday, March 21st, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. He retired in 1965, and previously had worked 20 years at the former Worthy Paper Company, Holyoke. A lifelong resident of Agawam, he was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, and a member of Victor Emmanuel Club. He leaves his wife, the former Enis E. Ferioli; a stepson, Leo Vergnani of Agawam; a stepdaughter, Clara Skinner of Belchertown; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was Monday at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. Donations may be made to the Western Massachusetts Heart Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Stanley R. Bonkowski

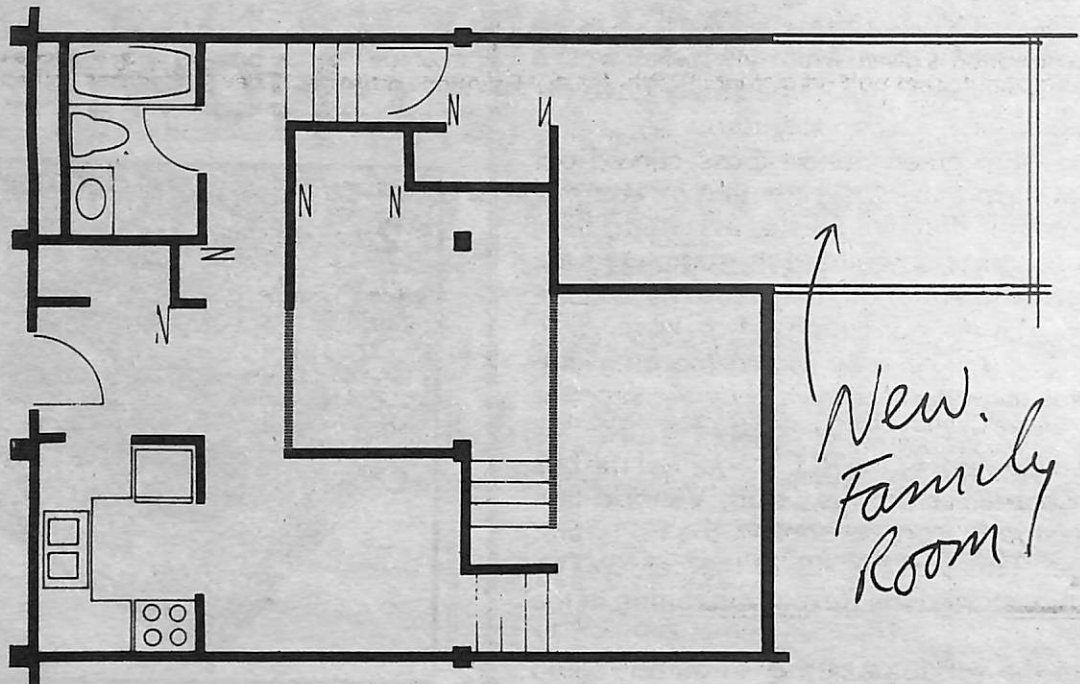
Agawam: Stanley R. Bonkowski, 74, of 58 Simpson Circle, retired 32-year salesman for Armour Dial Co., died Sunday, March 24th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. He retired in 1976. Born in Westfield, he lived in Agawam more than 40 years, and was a member of Knights of the Grip. He was a master sergeant in the Army during World War II. He leaves his wife, the former Frances Ledger; a daughter, Judith Day of Longmeadow; two brothers, Joseph and Edward; a sister, Helen Engill, all of Westfield; and three grandchildren. The funeral was Wednesday morning at Agawam Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, 01104.

Ag. Garden Club Meets



PRISCILLA ANDREWS of Main Street, holds up a floral design at a recent meeting of the Agawam Garden Club, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Mrs. Andrews is a retired school teacher from the Agawam School System. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

The recent trip to the Boston Flower Show as reported by Dorothy Major follows. Dorothy is a fellow member of the Senior Center Creative Writing Class and we thank her for doing this report for our readers.

RLC Tour To Boston Flower Show

It was a misty March morning when a large group of RLC's (Retired Leisure Class citizens, to the uninitiated), boarded the bus at the Agawam Senior Center for a trip to Boston.

The first destination was the 1985 New England Spring Flower Show at the Bayside Exposition Center. What a mass of color greeted the eyes; bright gay yellow daffodils, tulips of every shade of red, lavender hyacinths, and purple rhododendrons - all were massed along fences. The showpiece was an enormous 25-foot high thundering waterfall. This display won the gold medal and many, many other prestigious awards.

There were 201 spaces for exhibits which were divided into three categories: amateur and garden club creative displays; professional nursery and florist displays; and a section devoted to selling of bulbs, flowers and shrubs as used in the displays. One popular booth also featured "Mile High Apple Pie," with the apple filling fully as high as the highest lemon meringue pie ever seen!

The theme of "Spring Reflections" was interpreted in many ways. There were straw beehives along a garden walk, a beautiful arcade of Spanish moss under which was planted with every variety of orchid imaginable. Heart-lifting bird songs trilled from a hidden recess in the arch of the arcade. Ohs and Ahs were heard everywhere. One orchid called "California Plum" was a deep purple velvet that looked like a lady slipper fully opened.

My personal show-stopper was an arrangement with the theme "Water is a Phenomenon." On a white pedestal was a vase arrangement that immediately gave the impression of a Roman fountain.

Long, slim green ribbon grass curved out and down from the vase, creating an entrancing waterfall illusion. Fresia, iris, Ming fern, primrose, and ponytail plants completed the arrangement. All in all, the creativity and imagination of the gardening artists were breathtaking. The gray March morning outside was forgotten for a while by the promise of spring inside the Flower Show.

Tired but happy, the RLC's boarded the bus at lunchtime for the next stop, Victoria Station Restaurant on the bank of the Fort Point Channel. This was the site of the Boston Tea Party that started the Revolution rolling in the 1770's.

From the windows of the restaurant could be seen the low, red wooden building which houses the Boston Tea Party Museum across the Channel.

The Victoria Station restaurant chain uses old railroad cars joined together and refurbished with railroad memorabilia from England. The signs on the walls of the car assigned to the Agawam tour were Poulton-on-Fylde, Harrow, Wealdstone and Harlesden. One wonders at the changes time makes when English railroad cars and signs are imported to the site of the Boston Tea Party!

Rested and refreshed, the RLCs were bussed to Boston's famed Quincy Market, reclaimed from the abandoned warehouses and wharfs of Boston Harbor. Now a bright, gay marketplace, it attracts tourists from all over the world and staid old historic Faneuil Hall watches over all the changes from the foot of the mart.

The rain had stopped and the sun was setting among leftover clouds as the tour group headed westward and home. The RLCs were enthusiastic in their applause for Sandra Smith Remillard, Council on Aging tour direc-

tor, for her careful, tasteful guidance and management of the whole day. Agawam's "Retired Leisure Class" is fortunate for the opportunities offered by the Senior Center and Council on Aging. *****

A large crowd welcomed Vera Conway on "corned beef and cabbage" day at the Senior Center, as she entertained during and after lunch with a number of Irish tunes, and a sing-along. *****

How do you like the "RLC" (Retired Leisure Class) designation introduced by Dorothy Major in her Flower Show report? We understand this was coined as an alternative to "Senior Citizens." This reporter finds very little leisure in her days - especially with the variety of programs offered at the Senior Center!

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Next Tony Awardees?



JUDES ZIEMBA, Angela Bachelder, and Grace Letendre act out a scene from a play during a course held at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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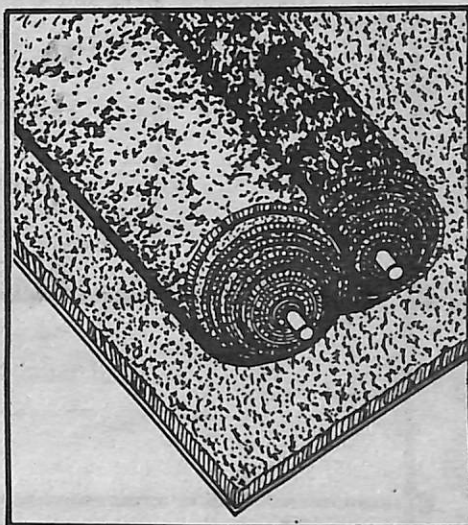
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SENIOR CENTER - From Page 14...**"Mini-College" News**

Folks are "talking about" the new Drama Class Workshop held every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center. The ultimate result of these classes will be a dinner theatre production. It bodes well for a lot of enjoyment along with some hard work for the participants. There's room for more folks to help, including committee work and non-speaking parts.

Creative Writing I class will be repeated with instructors Kara and Pearl Puskey, starting on May 7th. This course will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., for six weeks. Call the Center at 786-0400, extension 242, to register for this and all other courses.

"By popular demand," for those who took the first Creative Writing Course (just ended), there will be **Creative Writing II** starting Wednesday, March 27th, at 5:45 p.m., at the Agawam Library.

Introduction To Tennis

Seniors interested in tennis instruction, at a date and time to be announced later - please contact the Senior Center at 786-0400, extension 242, and leave your name and phone number.

Recognition '85

Recent contributions to "Recognition '85" have been received from: **Agawam Lions Club**, P.O. Box 52, Agawam, and **Heritage Sales, Inc.**, 90 Industrial Lane, Agawam. Our thanks to these and all the others we have previously acknowledged in these columns.

Silver-Haired Legislature

Nomination forms for the Silver-Haired Legislature are now available at the Senior Center. Nomination papers must be postmarked by **March 29th**. Election day is April 9th.

Mini-College Report

Library Skills is a new six-week course starting on Thursday, April 4th, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., for Agawam senior citizens.

The course will be held at the Agawam Public Library and includes instruction in practically all phases of library operation.



ENJOYING A QUIET GAME OF BILLIARDS at the Agawam Senior Center is a daily hobby. Here, instructor Edward Colby gives Helen Blanchard (center) and Gladys Francazio some helpful hints on how to properly hold the pool cue. The Senior Center also has table tennis and recently, in cooperation with the Agawam Park & Recreation Department, is offering tennis instruction for the elderly. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The reference section for example, will show how to locate material, use the periodical literature, the vertical file and become familiar with the specialized reference material available.

Other fields to be covered will be cataloging, special services to children, and the handicapped and homebound, reserves, and the inter-library loan program.

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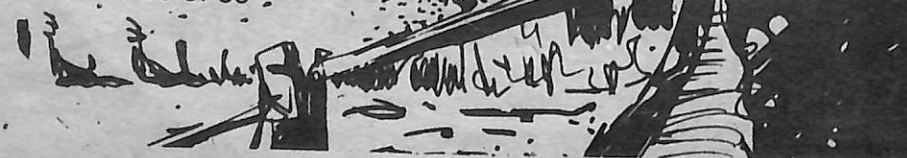
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April Calendar For Masonic Lodge

Monday, April 1st, 7:30 p.m.: Regular communication, transact such business as shall regularly come before it, including balloting on three candidates.

Wednesday, April 3rd, 7:30 p.m.: Mt. Elm Chapter of DeMolay. Rehearsal for past masters of Elm Lodge.

Monday, April 8th, 7:30 p.m.: Special communication to confer a Master Mason Degree on one candidate. As this is Past Master Night, the past masters of Elm Lodge will be featured, doing the work of the evening. Guests will be Rt. Wor. Edwin H. Carpenter, District Deputy Grand Master for the Springfield 33rd Masonic District, and his large following of officers from his district. This meeting will be preceded by a roast beef dinner served at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10th, 7:30 p.m.: Annual meeting of the Massachusetts 39th Masonic Regiment-Civil War. This group is composed of Masons from throughout the state.

Sunday, April 14th, 8:00 a.m. to noon: Sunday breakfast.

Monday, April 15th, 7:30 p.m.: Special communication to confer an Entered Apprentice degree on one candidate. This evening will see all of the Elm Lodge officers stepping up one station in the line which we call "Step Up Night."

Wednesday, April 17th, 7:30 p.m.: Officers and Past Masters of Elm Lodge to visit Newton Lodge in Wilbraham, for their Past Masters Night. Meeting at the Masonic Temple in Agawam will be Mt. Elm Chapter of DeMolay, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19th, 7:30 p.m.: All officers and committee members for the Grand Masters Fair will meet at Newton Lodge in Wilbraham.

Saturday, April 20th, 8:00 p.m.: Springfield 33rd Masonic District Ladies Night at the Quality Inn in Chicopee.

Monday, April 22nd: Elm Lodge Officers and Past Masters to attend Roswell Lee - Samuel Osgood Lodge Past Masters Night at the Masonic Temple on State Street, Springfield.

Monday, April 29th, 7:30 p.m.: Special communication to confer a Fellowship Degree on one candidate.

Local UNICO Chapters To Assist Easter Seal Telethon

Unico Mass District I Governor Raymond Caputo has arranged for local chapters from Agawam, Westfield, West Springfield, Springfield, East Longmeadow, Ludlow, Wilbraham, and Worcester to operate telephones for the Easter Seal Telethon on Sunday, March 31st, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Springfield TV 22. Local chapters will have 27 Unicans taking calls.

Unicans and their friends are asked to call in while they are on the phones.

The Easter Seal Telethon is a nationwide effort and Unico National President Anthony Gagliotti has arranged to have all chapters in the United States participate.

Unico is the largest Italian American, non-profit organization in the United States. Their motto is "Service Above Self," which will be exemplified all over the United States on Sunday, March 31st.

Mental Health Benefit Slated For April 24th

Kitty Broman announces that a 20-year tradition will be continued when she holds her Annual Mental Health Benefit Luncheon at Chez Josef in Agawam, on Wednesday, April 24th.

This year the program will be taped and telecast by WGGB-TV Channel 40. The feature attraction, the Fashion Show, will be presented by Yale Genton.

Beneficiaries will be the Mental Health Association of Greater Springfield, the Work Opportunity Center, and United Cerebral Palsy.

There will be a choice of entree this year, with either breast of chicken pilaf at \$15 per ticket, or prime rib of beef at \$18.

Checks, made out to Kitty's Mental Health Benefit, should be sent as soon as possible, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to Kitty at Carroll Travel Service, 1383 Main Street, P.O. Box 2130, Springfield, MA 01101.

Tickets will be mailed out a week or two before the luncheon.

Green Plant Sale To Benefit Easter Seals

Celebrate the "Greening of Spring" with the purchase of lush foliage plants from the Longmeadow Flower Shops. Between March 25th and March 31st, all Longmeadow Flower Shops will be offering an assortment of six-inch green foliage plants, a \$15 value, at the special price of \$10.95.

\$5 of each purchase will be donated to the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society to support local programs and services for children and adults with a physical disability.

In addition, customers will be encouraged to donate their "change" to the Easter Seal canisters.

The public is encouraged to support the efforts of Longmeadow Flower Shops, with the purchase of these green plants, for the benefit of Easter Seals.

The funds raised during this promotion will be presented to the Society during the Easter Seal Telethon on Saturday, March 30th and Sunday, March 31st, on WWLP TV-22.

Airman Richard Cassesse Completes Basic Training

Airman Richard D. Cassesse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cassesse of 12 Hunt Street, Agawam, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The airman, who is remaining at Lackland for specialized training in the security police field, studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special instruction in human relations.

Completion of this training earned the individual credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School.

BEST HOMETOWN NEWS

April Calendar Golden Age Club

April 3rd: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting with gift bingo.

April 5th: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

April 10th: Chapter 1 - Installation banquet at the Colesseum Restaurant, West Springfield, at 11:00 a.m., dinner at noon.

April 11th & 12th: Trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey.

April 17th: Chapter 2 - Installation banquet at the Shaker Farms Country Club, Westfield, at 11:00 a.m., dinner at noon.

April 24th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting with a guest speaker on the Medex Program.

April 26th: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

April 29th & 30th: Trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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E. Agnes Toriani Library's Latest Artist

by Mary K. Steele
Advertiser News Feature Writer

"Better late than never," is the philosophy of Agawam artist E. Agnes Toriani. Long ago, Agnes was known at Agawam High for her many caricatures and for her cover drawings that decorated both the school newspaper and the yearbook.

In her senior year of 1938, she was voted "Class Artist," but until three years ago, Agnes had done virtually no drawing or painting since then.

Mrs. Toriani has been making up for lost time since 1981, as evidenced by the current display of 28 of her paintings at the Agawam Public Library.

Hung on March 16th, the paintings will remain at the library for approximately one month. Hers is the third such display at the library.

While in school during the 1930s, Mrs. Toriani reports that she harbored a secret desire to be a designer. Instead, she followed the more conventional pattern of marrying rather quickly after graduation, and then spent the next several years raising her three children.

Following her career as a homemaker, she spent 20 years working in modeling and in fashion departments at stores such as Steigers. Due to health reasons, Mrs. Toriani retired in 1980.

Painting Fills Up Her Time

Suddenly, she noted, "I was left with all this time and nothing there to really fill it. Consequently, I began painting. Discovering I needed some assistance, I joined the Agawam Senior Center."

At the Senior Center, instructor Alice Hulse conducted art-therapy classes, where the senior citizens learned painting techniques by sharing experiences and helping one another.

It did not take long for Agnes to realize that her interest demanded a more intense instruction and the devotion of many more hours. She began attending seminars at the Agawam Arts and Crafts Shop, located on Springfield Street. Here, she learned many new and more advanced painting skills. She currently completes two paintings per week.

After viewing a display of a local artist at the Agawam Public Library, Mrs. Toriani became curious

and soon discovered that any artist from Agawam or Feeding Hills can show their work there, free of charge.

She admitted, "It's exposure that I really wanted. I need feedback in order to discover if I'm good enough to continue with my art, and if it might eventually sell. I know I have it in me; painting fills my time completely and at times, I can think of nothing else."

Although Mrs. Toriani professes that she favors no particular style or subject, she does confess to being "a bit of a romantic," and much of her work reflects this romanticism.

Many of the paintings reveal a love for the beauty of nature, seen in soft colors and smooth, muted lines. The born-again artist admitted to having a dislike for surrealistic or harsh, sharp paintings, but, she added, "I am a stickler for detail and, being a Virgo, I like everything to be perfect. I am forever wiping out an entire canvas to paint it over again."

Mrs. Toriani is discovering an aptitude for painting portraits and also for Chinese art. Examples of these on display at the library are four "Gibson Girls" and one charming "Clown Portrait," as well as two oriental paintings.

Also on show: an example of folk art; floral paintings; a reverse painting on glass; an uncharacteristically gloomy but striking likeness of a wind-blown 500 year-old tree Mrs. Toriani saw in Yosemite Park, and several other paintings in natural settings.

Most of the works are copies of other paintings or pictures that caught the artist's eye. Because of a lack of space, the majority of Toriani's originals remain in her studio.

The Meadow Street resident claims that although at one time working in fashion fulfilled her needs, it is painting that has filled the gap that retirement left in her life.

At 65, she has rediscovered a talent and has just begun to tap this new source of joy.

The dining room in her home was recently converted into a studio, and if she has a spare minute, Mrs. Toriani will be found there, painting with passion.



E. AGNES TORIANI is the latest visiting artist being exhibited at the Agawam Public Library. Mrs. Toriani is a 1938 graduate of Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Catholic Women's Club Planning Fall Crafts Show

Calling all craftspeople!

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam is looking for craftspeople for their annual "Fall Festival of Crafts." This year's show will be held on October 19th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the St. John's Parish Center, located on Main Street.

Past festivals have been highly successful and well attended.

Craftspeople interested in reserving space for the show should contact Dee Cleary, show chairwoman, at 789-2164.

Due to the tremendous response to the craft show in recent years, craftspeople will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Categories and space are limited, so get your applications as soon as possible.

Westfield State Plans Annual College Jazz Night

The third annual "College Jazz Night" will be held at Westfield State College on Monday, April 8th, in Dever Auditorium, at 8:00 p.m.

The ensembles to be featured will be the M.I.T. Concert Jazz Band, conducted by Herb Pomeroy; the Westfield State College Jazz Singers, directed by Kenneth Manzer; and the Westfield State College Jazz Ensemble and Lab-Jazz Band, under the direction of Donald Bastarache and Tim Atherton.

The M.I.T. Concert Jazz Band has performed for the Quinipiac Jazz Festival in Connecticut and the Notre

Dame Jazz Festival in Indiana, receiving high acclaim for its outstanding performance, while the Westfield State College Jazz Ensemble has been finalists at the Quinipiac Jazz Festival and the Glassboro Jazz Festival in New Jersey. The band has also performed for the All New England and All State Music Educators conference.

The bands will be performing music by Duke Ellington, Rob McConnell, Horace Silver, John Coltrane, and other jazz greats. Admission is free.

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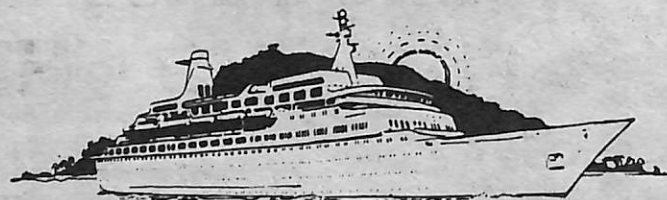
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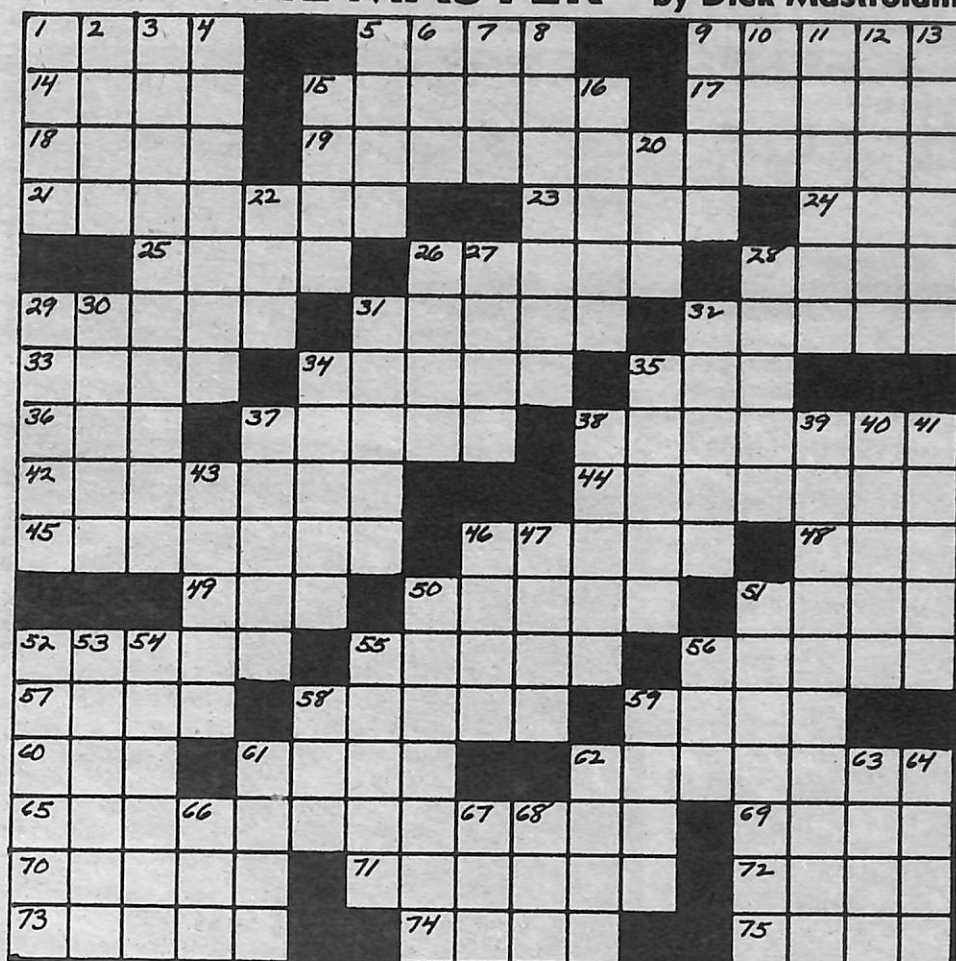


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15. Made equal use of
17. Tennis star Rod
18. Stagger
19. Iowa
21. Held up
23. Prefix for phone
24. Not as clear
25. Followers
26. Church tower
28. Populace: prefix
29. Queen — furniture
31. Leg bones
32. Directive
33. Certain apples
34. Bit (from a bee)
35. Exclamation
36. Ab — (from the egg)
37. PGA's Calvin
38. Piles up
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48. Crazy
49. Prefix: thrice
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51. Deeds
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55. Madder
56. Steve or Fred
57. Braun and Gabor
58. Blueprint
59. Dies —
60. Part of AMA (abbr.)
61. Eternal
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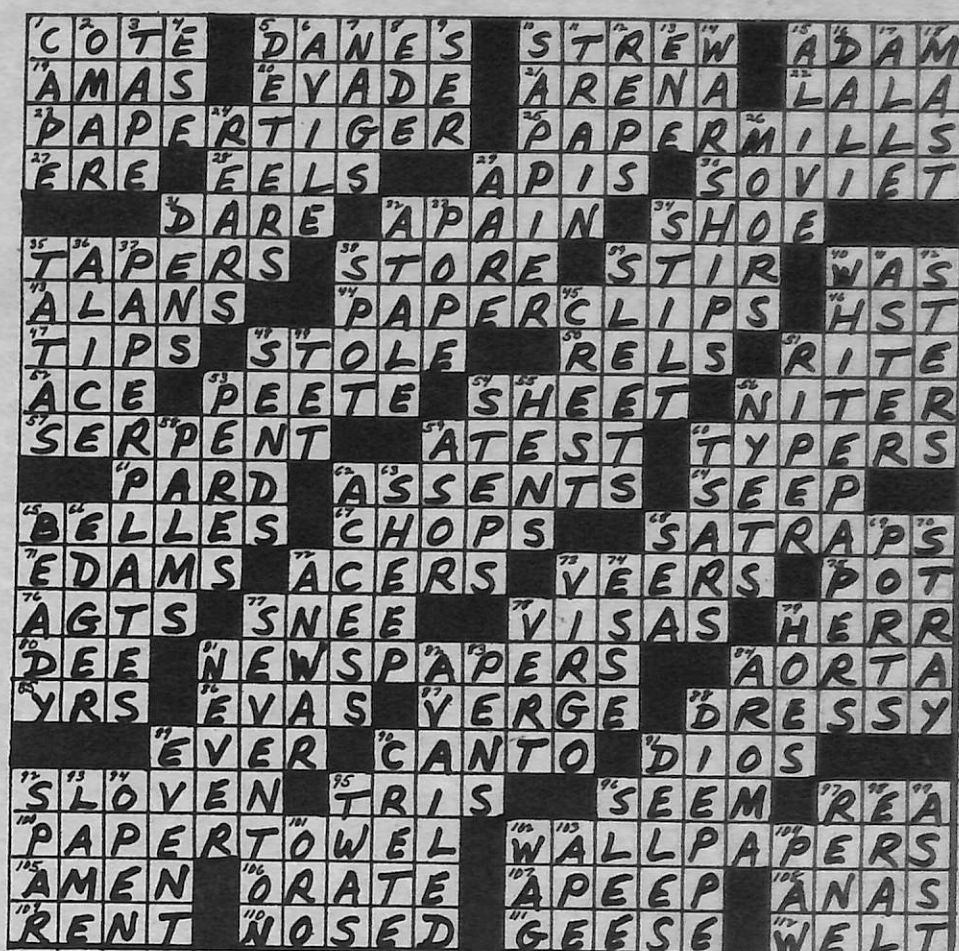
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8. Session
9. Besides
10. Large tub
11. Slipped away from
12. Check the speed again
13. Quake
15. " — a lady" (song title)
16. Colorer's

20. French eel
22. Affirmative
26. Close
27. State tree of Maine
28. Slag
29. Italian cherub
30. Church parts
31. High spirited horse
32. Busy Chicago airport
34. Cut in two
35. Cupids
37. Fountain and Rose
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39. Mark Twain
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46. Former PGA champ Dave
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58. Midianite King
59. Roman road
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64. Buntline etal
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68. C. Clay

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION...



Junior High Prepares For Spring Concert

The Agawam Junior High Concert & Jazz Band, under the direction of Scott Thompson, will perform in a spring concert, to be held at the junior high auditorium, on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 7:30 p.m.

Donations will be accepted, which will help defray the cost of transportation of two scheduled trips this spring.

April 1st Is Arts Deadline

Monday, April 1st, is the deadline for filing grants with the Agawam Arts and Humanities Commission.

Applications blanks can be picked up at the Agawam Town Hall or Public Library.

Sarah Lester Third At UMass Competition

The Department of Music and Dance at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst announces the winners of its March 2nd New England Young Performers Competition for woodwind and brass players, including Sarah Lester of Feeding Hills. The competition attracted high school musicians from throughout New England and New York state.

Trumpeter Anthony DiLorenzo of Stoughton, Massachusetts was awarded first prize. A student of Peter Chapman of West Roxbury, DiLorenzo won \$500 and the option to receive a four-year, full-tuition music scholarship at the university. He is a senior at Stoughton High School.

Flutist Melissa Mielens of East Greenbush, New York, won the second prize of \$250. A junior at Columbia High School, she studies flute with John Oberbrunner of Syracuse.

Third prizes of \$150 each were awarded to Miss Lester, trumpet, of Feeding Hills, and to saxophonist William Moline of West Boxford, Massachusetts. Miss Lester, who attends Agawam high School, studies trumpet with Walter Chestnut of the UMass music faculty. A senior at Masconomet Regional High School, Moline studies saxophone with Gary Wright of Allston.

The competition was open to players of euphonium, flute, oboe, saxophone, trombone, and trumpet. Guest judge was Stanley Hettinger, professor of music and band director at the University of New Hampshire.

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PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit
Entertainment
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Baby...Secret of the Lost Legend: **0 STARS**

This picture is the latest production of Touchstone Films, a division of Walt Disney Studios that was formed a couple of years ago to make movies of a more adult nature (such as the fantasy comedy *Splash* and the agrarian drama *Country*).

However, there is nothing adult in *Baby*. In fact, this film is more childish than any of the junky cartoons that you can see on Saturday morning television.

Set in the present, the plot deals with a humane young scientist (Sean Young) who, along with her husband (William Katt), discovers a baby dinosaur and its parents living in remote West Africa.

Unfortunately, a not-so-kind scientist (Patrick McGouhan) wants to capture the dinosaurs for himself and is determined to do away with the young couple who found them in the first place.

Baby is a brainless piece of garbage that is dreadfully dull and totally predictable. But, the worst thing about this picture is its interminably cutesy quality. The baby dinosaur is depicted as a cuddly creature who can express a variety of emotions, including the ability to cry when it witnesses the death of one of its parents.

What makes the dinosaur even more unbelievable, however, is that it never looks real. This creature is nothing more than a man in a suit, and that's exactly the impression it creates. I haven't seen a more unrealistic animal since the large, arthritic-moving ape in the 1976 version of *King Kong*.

Baby also showcases some of the most lifeless acting that I've ever seen, especially in the casting of Young. This actress gave a blah performance in such films as *Blade Runner* and *Young Doctors In Love*, but her work in this movie makes me wonder how she was ever able to break into show business.

Friday the 13th, Part V - **A New Beginning: 0 STARS**

After sitting through this trash, my first thought was, "My cat could have made a better picture."

Friday the 13th, Part V isn't any worse than its four predecessors, but it isn't any better either. The film is boring, poorly made, and uses gory special effects to shock its audience.

In other words, it's no different from the many tawdry thrillers that have plagued movie theaters since the horror picture *Halloween* became a huge success in the late 1970's.

However, the saddest thing about the movie is that its ending leaves room for another sequel, thus proving that the people behind this junk intend to continue this series of chillers just as long as there are enough filmgoers willing to see them. For the sake of fans of good pictures, let's hope that the market for these movies eventually dwindles away.

Mask: 4 STARS

Based on a true story, this emotionally stirring drama deals with the life of Rocky Dennis (Eric Stoltz), a teenager who has been afflicted with a disfiguring disease since he was a little boy.

However, he doesn't let his physical handicap affect his emotional nature. Instead, Rocky handles everyday experiences with a gusto that is constantly fueled by his mother's (Cher) love and confidence.

Like the highly acclaimed 1980 picture *The Elephant Man*, *Mask* is a celebration of the human spirit and proves that real beauty is something which comes from within a person.

Rocky's deformed face does appall most people when he meets them for the first time, but his kindness and fervent love of life makes him realize that he is a truly beautiful human being and the sort of person they would like to have as a friend.

Because it's a genuinely heartwarming picture that

never wallows in sentimentality, *Mask* is the kind of tenderly realistic drama which is worthy of an Academy Award nomination for Best Picture, and I believe that it will be a contender for this honor at next year's Oscar race.

Director Peter Bogdanovich (*They All Laughed*) deserves praise not only for bringing this outstanding piece of filmmaking to the silver screen, but for giving us one of these rare movies which can uplift us and make us cry at the same time.

Moreover, the performances in *Mask* are extraordinary. Cher, who did the best acting in the 1983 docudrama *Silkwood*, demonstrates her powerful and growing dramatic skills once again through her portrayal of Rocky's feisty yet endearing mother.

Though he wears constricting makeup throughout the entire picture, Stoltz gives a rich and wonderful performance by conveying Rocky's inner emotions through eloquent physical gestures and manner of speech.

Missing In Action 2: The Beginning: **2 STARS**

While the original *Missing In Action* was one of 1984's least impressive films, this sequel has a couple of redeeming qualities. Set in Vietnam, the plot centers on an American POW (Chuck Norris) who endures the sadistic treatment of his jailor (Sooh-Teh Oh) and ultimately finds a way to escape and to take revenge against his enemy.

Missing in Action 2 is far from being a great movie, but it's a good B-picture. It never has a dull moment, and Norris turns his character into a likeable hero.

If you're looking for an exciting and entertaining film that will while away the time, then this one may be for you.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

Baby: Rated PG, but appropriate for people under five years of age or having an IQ that's under five.

Friday the 13th, Part V: Rated R for violence, nudity, and strong language.

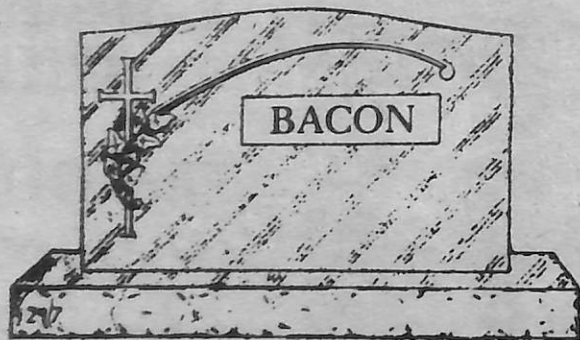
Mask: A PG-13 film with some mature dialogue and situations.

Missing in Action 2: Violence accounts for this picture's R rating.

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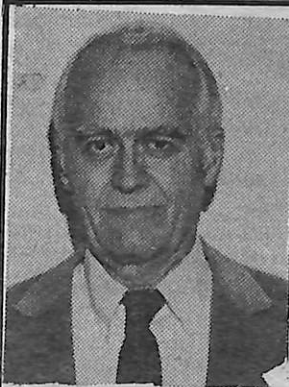
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Psychologically Speaking

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Going Beyond Ourselves: The Link With Religion

Are we prisoners of our past? Can we "go beyond ourselves?" The work of psychotherapy is aimed at improving our lives - helping us to see how the glasses through which we see the world are often defective, as is our view of ourselves.

When we see things more clearly - especially when we feel loved and can love others, then the world is a very different place.

We are then better able to be our own best selves. But in my work with people (and in trying to look at myself), I am more and more impressed with another dimension in life, which I believe is critical to "mental health." This is the dimension of reaching beyond self-interest.

Maybe We Want Too Much

Our world is filled with messages that happiness is found through satisfying ourselves; by getting a new car, a new house, new clothes, a better job, a better education.

The goals which are set for us have to do with getting things, getting power, getting prestige, getting loved, getting security. We try to get these things for our children as well as for ourselves.

People often come for therapy because they are unable to get what they want in their life. We are seldom told that our unhappiness may stem from wanting too much. We are seldom told that our unhappiness comes from thinking too much about ourselves.

This is the age of self discovery - self exploration - self enhancement - self satisfaction. The focus is always on the self. "Take care of No. 1"

Modern psychology has certainly contributed greatly to this trend and there is nothing wrong with the goal of understanding, loving, and getting satisfaction for one's self.

But there is another ingredient that must be added to this, and kept in balance, or the formula for a good life does not work. This is the ingredient of reaching beyond one's self.

Finding One's Self Through Losing One's Self

One of the fundamental truths which all of the great religions have taught is that of finding one's self through losing one's self. What does this seemingly contradictory statement mean?

When psychologists try to define the ingredients of "positive mental health," one thing they always come up with is the importance of losing one's self in a greater interest or cause. It seems to be a basic law of human nature that our lives are most fruitful and fulfilled when we are able to become totally immersed in something beyond ourselves.

We all know the experience of "losing ourselves" in thought, in good book, movie, TV, drama, or piece of music. All of the art forms, including dancing, singing, drawing, and most leisure activities, have this element of getting caught up in something which focuses us to lose consciousness of ourself.

The "peak experiences" of ecstasy or of profound peace are times when we most completely go beyond our usual experience of life - when we seem to break out of this world and enter another which looks and feels so very different, and where we are no longer conscious of ourselves as separate from everything else.

At these times, we seem to "know" something new. I think that one of the major attractions of alcohol and drugs is that they can help us to temporarily have these kinds of experiences.

The Religious Answer

How do we satisfy our basic needs, then, and at the same time, lose ourselves in something greater and know how our lives should be lived?

As I understand it, religious experience involves the recognition and continuing awareness of a force, an intelligence, an energy, which is greater than us and beyond our understanding.

It also involves a discipline for staying in touch with, or conscious of, our relationship with this power, and it includes teachings of how to live our lives so as to remain in harmony with the basic laws of human existence.

The Ten Commandments are one expression of these laws. The life of Jesus Christ is another wisdom of these laws. In the religious experience, this has been overlooked in our fascination with scientific accomplishments.

Our revisions of the rules of life, which seemed so logical and right, are not turning out as we thought they would. Something is going wrong. We have left something out, or forgotten something which we once knew.

This "something" is like the yeast which we add when baking bread. Without yeast, the bread does not rise and turns out flat, heavy, and unappetizing. I believe that our lives often seem flat and lacking in flavor because an essential ingredient is missing.

The Game Of Life Has Its Own Rules

This is where religion and psychology come together. Just as we need adequate food, shelter, clothing, and physical health, so we need psychological health - freedom from the old chains which bind us and the impure glasses which blind us.

But, along with these basics, we need to work at understanding, staying in touch with, and having our lives guided by certain basic laws of human existence.

In other words, striving to get what we want in life - even including love, self esteem, and achievement - is not enough.

The game of life has additional rules which we cannot understand through intellect alone. It requires a kind of discipline, training, and staying in touch with these rules, and an understanding of how to apply them to our lives. There is an understanding which goes beyond understanding.

It is time that we take a closer look at what this is all about without the self-consciousness and embarrassment which many of us feel in discussing religion. It turns out that science does not necessarily contradict religious views, and psychology does not replace religious understanding and experience.

Let us go on to explore beyond ourselves.

Health Management New Hospital Concept

"Health Management," a new concept for patients which teaches self care to persons who are hypertensive, newly suffering from cancer, diabetes or other conditions, is now under way on the sixth floor, south wing of the Providence Hospital, according to an announcement made today by Victoria M. Schofield, R.N., vice president for nursing at the hospital.

Accepting Candidates For Program

According to Mary Kate Sullivan, R.N., head nurse of the new unit, the program will accept candidates for the following areas: chronic/poorly controlled hypertensives, chronic ulcer and gastro-intestinal patients, new cardiac patients, newly diagnosed/poorly controlled diabetics, new ostomy patients, and newly diagnosed cancer patients.

Ms. Sullivan said the patients are provided with a multi-disciplined program that increases patient and family knowledge of a specific disease or condition, are taught to comply with a specific health program, and hopefully the teaching will foster independence in home management through education, maintaining an optimal level of wellness.

"In other words, we strive to make the patients suffering from these conditions as independent as possible so they can spend as much time at home as is reasonable to expect," Ms. Sullivan said. "We get the family and friends involved so they can help the patient to manage at home."

"The emphasis," Ms. Sullivan said, "is on the holistic approach involving the patient, his significant others, all working together and stressing nutrition, exercise and adaptation through teaching."

Programs are conducted in a casual and relaxed atmosphere, and the patient receives individualized education and rehabilitation.

If a person is a newly diagnosed diabetic, that person is worked with until he or she can understand all aspects of the condition and can care for himself in a home setting.

Ms. Sullivan said a number of hospital services are available to patients while they are undergoing the program. "We utilize clinical psychology, nurse educators, diabetic teaching, ostomy teaching, dietary personnel, an oncologist, cardiac rehabilitation, occupational therapy, social services, pharmacy, arthritis service, physical therapy, and pastoral care," she said.

Can Still Be Independent

"The basic idea is that we try to impart to our patients that while they have this condition, they can still be independent, care for themselves, and live as normal a life as possible. It is very difficult for someone who is newly diagnosed as a diabetic or a new cancer patient. We try to smooth the road for them," she said.

"We are utilizing the skills of our many in-house experts and we feel we are making a significant contribution toward helping these patients and their families and friends cope with difficult situations," Ms. Sullivan added.

Referrals and questions on the program may be directed to the Health Management Program at Providence Hospital at 536-5111, extension 2255, 2256.

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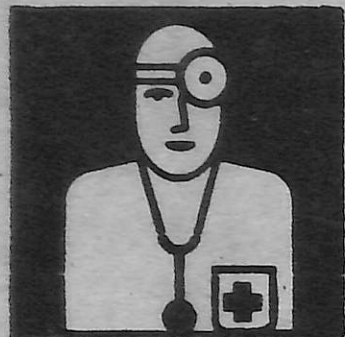
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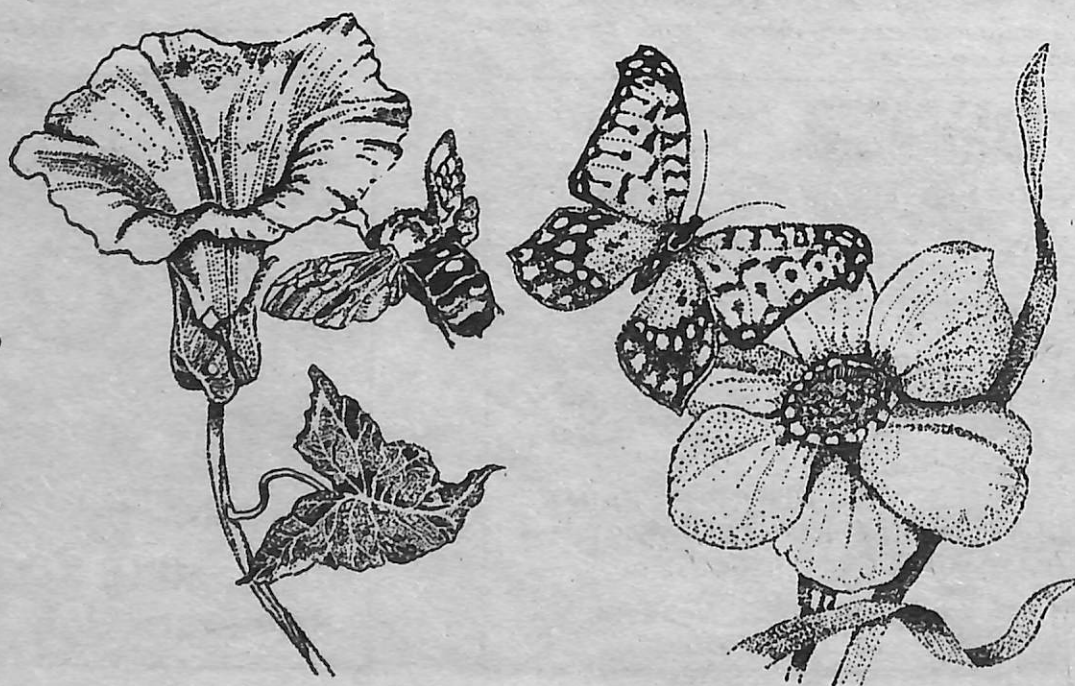
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Paul Joseph, Sarah Lester All-State In Music

Paul Joseph and Sarah Lester will represent Agawam High School in the Massachusetts Music Educators All-State Music Festival at Northboro High School on March 28th to 30th.

Each year, the top-rated students from each of the state's four district concerts are invited to compete for a position with the All-State Honor Groups.

The Northeastern and Southeastern Districts provide stiff competition for students in the Western and Central Districts, with many of the students in the Boston area studying with the many fine teachers that area provides.

In addition to winning positions in the All State Groups, both Joseph and Miss Lester have been honored by being assigned to the top positions in their respective groups.

Joseph will play first trombone with the All-State

Jazz Band and Miss Lester will play first chair cornet with the All State Concert Band, indicating that they received the highest scores in the state on their respective instruments.

Both have been performing in first chair positions with the Western Massachusetts Honor Groups during past years, and this represents a new level of achievement.

Both students studied privately on their instruments with former Agawam Junior High Band Director David Baldock for several years.

More recently, Joseph has studied with Kenneth Longstreet of Westfield State College, and Miss Lester studied with Professor Walter Chestnut of the University of Massachusetts, and Rolf Smedvig, Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Steve Oberle Winner Of DAR Good Citizens Award

Mercy Warren Chapter, DAR, met on Tuesday, March 12th, in the Guild Room of Faith Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield. The meeting was preceded by tea.

Area high school winners of the Good Citizen Award, including Steven Oberle of Agawam High, were honored at the meeting. These students have been selected by members of their senior class and faculty for possessing qualifications of Leadership - which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility; Dependability - truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality; Service - cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others; and Patriotism - unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation, to an outstanding degree.

Agawam Class Of 1980 Plans Five-Year Reunion

Attention Agawam High Class of 1980: It's time for your first reunion, and the Reunion Committee wants you to be a part of it.

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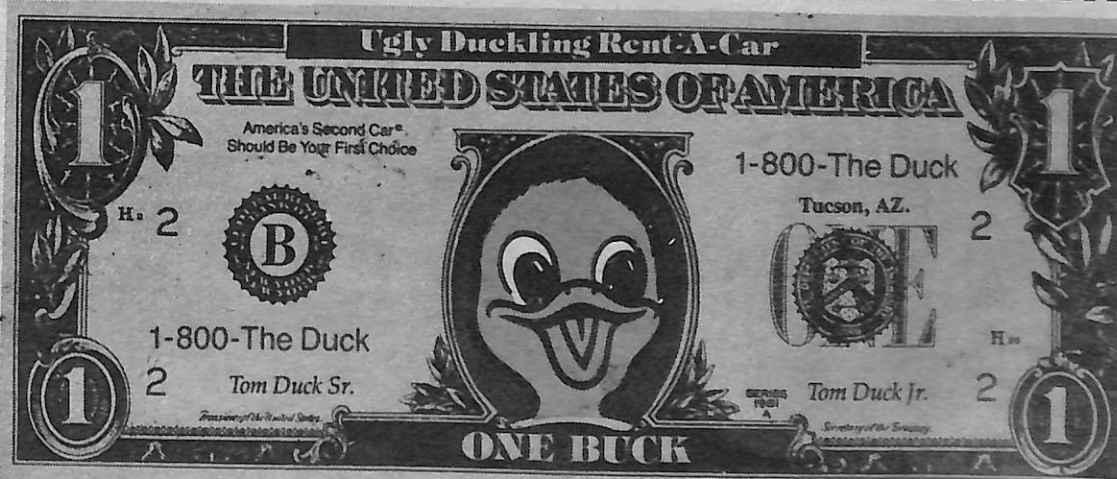
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Granger School Pupils Learn Of Disabilities

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

"Why can't you hear?" is a question "Hilda" is often asked by students. "What's it like to wear glasses?" is another question "Vera" replies to without embarrassment.

Instead of being offended by these personal inquiries, "Hilda" and "Vera" talk freely about their disabilities.

Hilda and Vera are two of six, life-size dolls which comprise the "New Friends" program which is currently instituted at Clifford Granger School.

Designed for pre-school through first grade students, the program is preliminary to the "Kids On The Block" program which is aimed at students in grades 2-5.

Created By P.T.O. Members

Created by members of the Granger School P.T.O., the three-foot high dolls aid teachers in helping very young children understand and accept individual differences. This is accomplished by incorporating positive role models of disabled children into regular classroom activities.

The program, which is sponsored by the Chapel Hill Training Outreach Program, offers bias-free information concerning disabilities through eliminating negative images and dispelling myths and stereotypes commonly associated with disabilities.

P.T.O. members Carol Couchon, Faith Hyland, Phyllis Weinle, and Nancy Melbourne, spent several months sewing the life-size dolls which have been donated to the school.

Mrs. Melbourne explains that each doll was made using "Cabbage Patch Kid" material to ensure durability. Faces were embroidered by hand while each doll was dressed in used children's clothes in order to make them appear more realistic.

She notes that although the dolls have very real disabilities, they are not "labeled" in every class. Larry, who is mentally retarded, is introduced as a very slow learner.

Freddie, who is emotionally disturbed, is introduced as a very mad and unhappy child who finds it difficult to make friends and be nice.

Other "New Friends" dolls include Camilla, who has a speech impediment; Manuel, who has an artificial leg; Hilda, who is hearing impaired; and Vera, who is visually impaired.

Kindergarten teacher Ann Favreau reports that her students have accepted the "New Friends" dolls and their problems quite naturally.

She points out that the dolls were utilized in conjunction with the student's study of senses.

Songs And Books Introduce Dolls

Mrs. Favreau relates that sample scripts were initially used to help introduce the dolls as well as books and songs. "Please Don't Tease Someone Different Than You" was one of the songs to which the youngsters listened, she adds. According to her, a nice feature of the program is its adaptability. She states that the program takes approximately three weeks to complete and can be used whenever convenient for the teacher.

Mrs. Favreau states that the "New Friends" program successfully eases young children into understanding and accepting disabilities.

"Each doll has a very mild handicap which is neither frightening or threatening to youngsters at this age level. Disabilities are a fact of life children need to understand and the dolls reinforce this acceptance in a very positive manner," she remarks.

Beth Golemo Elected To Psi Chi At Springfield College

Beth A. Golemo, daughter of Mr. John Golemo of Chicopee, and Mrs. Dorothy O'Connell of 87 Perry Lane, Agawam, has recently been elected to a local chapter of PSI CHI National Honor Society at Springfield College.

PSI CHI was established primarily to advance the study of psychology and encourage scholarship.

Candidates must be registered with a major or minor standing in psychology, place in the upper third of their psychology classes, and place in the upper half of all other academic subjects.

Ms. Golemo, a senior majoring in psychology and English, is a tutor for the *Student* newspaper, coordinator for the pre-college camp for incoming freshmen, tutor for the writing center, and a student aide in the infirmary. Ms. Golemo is also a past member of Dormitory Senate.

She was also elected to the 1985 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Ms. Golemo was also the recipient of the Britton C. McCabe Scholarship.

Founded in 1885, Springfield College is a private, co-educational school that emphasizes educating students for what it characterizes as the "human helping professions," such as physical therapy, counseling, sports medicine, and management of social welfare agencies like the YMCA and the United Way.

The 2,200 student institution has educational exchange agreements with countries that range from China and Hong Kong, to Venezuela and the Netherlands.



PICTURED WITH THREE OF THE "New Friends" dolls which help Granger School students understand and accept disabilities are, back row, from left -Ann Favreau, kindergarten teacher; and Nancy Melbourne, doll collector. Seated with the life-size dolls are, Melissa Wienle, holding "Hilda"; Jeffrey Ogorzalek, with "Vera"; and Thomas Melbourne, next to "Manuel." The dolls are designed and created by members of the Granger School P.T.O., as a preliminary to the "Kids On The Block" project. Advertiser News photo by John Loftus.

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SHOWING OFF THE HARDWARE won at the University of New Hampshire Jazz Festival are Agawam High Show Choir members, back row, from left - Brian Pioggia, Pam West, Michael Fazio, Chris Burrows, David Bartnik, Colleen Noftall, Eddie Grimaldi, and John Wise. Kneeling - John Losito, Karin Mills, Ellen Stratton, Karen Conway, and Jeff Hastings.

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Turnverein Bingo To Award College Scholarships

With the 1985 school year coming to a fast ending and you are planning for your future, scholarships are very much on your mind to help with the escalating costs of college.

The Springfield Turnverein Bingo will be awarding scholarships, once again, to deserving graduating students and/or to students continuing their education at various college levels.

The applications are available at the Agawam High School Guidance Office, and the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

Museum Planning For 6th Annual Dinosaur Day

The Science Museum's 6th Annual Dinosaur Day will be held on Saturday, April 13th.

Special puppet shows, dinosaur games, demonstrations, films, songs, crafts, and refreshments are planned for the whole family.

Dinosaur Day activities will be held from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., and a fee will be charged.

For further information, call the Science Museum at 733-1194. The Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle in downtown Springfield.

AHS Show Choir Big Winners

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Jubilant, radiant, and ecstatic are adjectives which aptly describe members of the Agawam High School Show Choir.

The 50-member group recently won top honors for their outstanding performance in the show choir division of the University of New Hampshire's Annual Jazz Festival Saturday, March 23rd.

AHS vocal music director Stephen Files points out that this was the fourth victory in the past five years for the local ensemble.

Files explains that this year the show choir performed several dynamic, up-beat selections as compared to last year's dramatic *Cats* routine.

Golden Age Of Broadway

Some of the renditions performed included a medley from the Golden Age of Broadway such as *42nd Street*, *Lullaby of Broadway*, and *Fascinating Rhythm*, as well as "We Got the Power" from the television series *Fame*.

Moreover, Billy Joel's acappella hit "For the Longest Time" was sung by quartet members John Losito, Brian Pioggia, Eddie Grimaldi, and John Wise.

Consequently, these young men were awarded an outstanding performance citation for their rendition.

The vocal director relates that the 12 competing groups were judged by a three-member panel in the area of intonation, balance-blend, time-rhythm, dynamics, vocal diction, apparel, choreography, and audience interaction.

A highlight of the group's 20-minute performance occurred when members entered the audience and pulled them to their feet to sing and dance in accompaniment to the song "Get Up."

This play earned the ensemble excellent scores in the audience interaction category.

Files notes that competition among schools has become more difficult in recent years.

According to him, Windsor, Oliver Ames, and Stowton High Schools were three of the most formidable competitors at the event.

"Show choir competition has come a long way in recent years. This, in turn, has provided students with a more valuable learning experience and has produced a better festival," he remarks.

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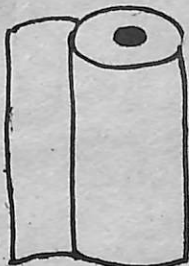
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All Terrain Vehicles Prove Dangerous For Children - Sgt. Longhi

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Built for recreation, they have become the most popular mode of transportation for youngsters aged 11-18. All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are responsible, however, for the majority of youth accident-related injuries.

Believing that knowledge is the best protection for safe and enjoyable riding, the Agawam Police Department, in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Marine and Recreational Vehicles, is sponsoring an ATV safety seminar Wednesday, April 3rd, at 7:00 p.m., in the community room of the Agawam Public Library.

Agawam Police Safety Officer Sergeant Al Longhi points out that the seminar, which is open to parents and ATV operators, will feature a presentation by registry officer Roger Arduini, as well as a filmstrip courtesy of Popoli's Honda/Yamaha in Westfield.

Sgt. Longhi explains that the ATV seminar is a preview of the program he will be presenting to students in grades 6-12 during the month of April.

The safety officer reports that a survey of ATV related accidents revealed that 40 percent of ATV riders do not wear protective equipment such as helmets, goggles, gloves, and boots.

Moreover, 30 percent of these young riders have had less than 30 hours riding experience, and also ride with two or more passengers, which is not recommended.

Some of the topics slated for discussion during the seminar include proper turning, parking, braking, reading terrain, climbing and descending a hill, traversing a slope, riding through water and snow, knowing safety laws, and respecting nature and the environment.

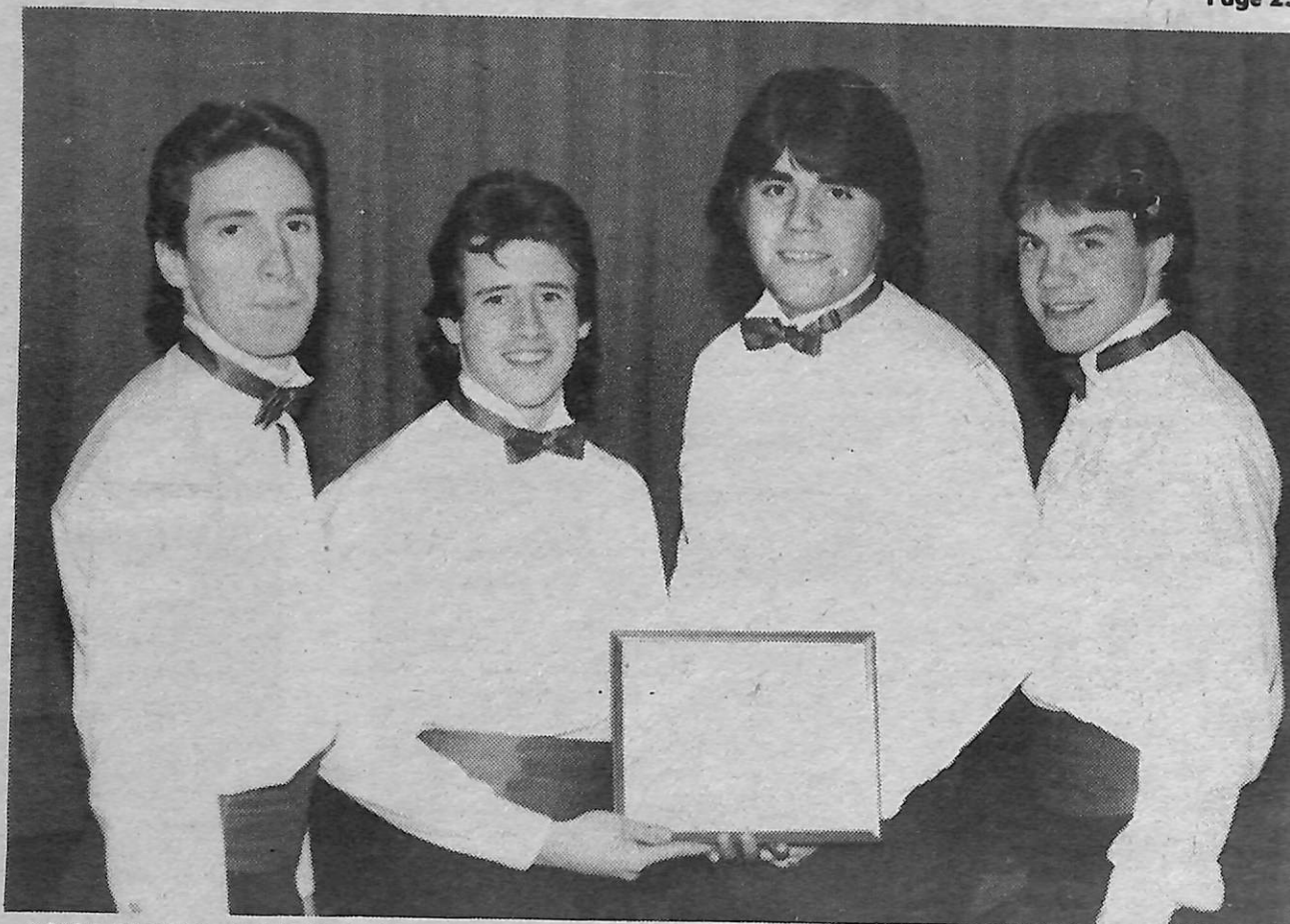
Sgt. Longhi notes that protective gear and the proper pre-ride inspection of tires, wheels, controls, lights, switches, oil, fuel, and chain/driveshaft will also be thoroughly reviewed.

"Locally, ATV-related accidents have been steadily increasing. We hope parents and youngsters will attend this seminar and familiarize themselves with these very important safety rules," he states.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Major Fundraiser Of Year

"The cookies that make dreams come true." That's the theme being introduced by the Pioneer Valley Council of Girl Scouts for this year's cookie sale. It was created to emphasize the vital importance of the contribution people make to Girl Scouting every time they purchase a box of these great-tasting cookies. The new theme is being used in radio, television, newspapers and more.

Now more than ever, Girl Scout activities depend on the proceeds from this annual sale. These proceeds, plus allocations from the United Way, make many learning and growing opportunities possible, from ballet and backpacking to camping and career days. So, for a lot of girls, Girl Scout cookies really are the cookies that make dreams come true.



AWARDED OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE citations for their acappella rendition of Billy Joel's hit "For The Longest Time" are Agawam High School students, from left - John Losito, Brian Pioggia, Eddie Grimaldi, and John Wise. AHS won top honors at the University of New Hampshire Jazz Festival. Advertiser

News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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Files points out that show choir members have been working on musical numbers for their festival performance since early fall. He believes this hard work and determination was evident in their award-winning performance.

"Although we were victorious last year, many of our members graduated and had to be replaced with new people. Talent and determination were the main factors in the development of an excellent award-winning performance," he comments.

Besides participating in the up-coming musical

Grease, show choir members will perform next at the Wildwood, New Jersey, Music Festival in May.

The dynamic group will also be featured together with the AHS Jazz Band at the Annual "Bop 'n Pop" Show, Wednesday, May 29th, at the senior high auditorium.

The AHS Jazz Ensemble, which also participated at the University of New Hampshire Jazz Festival, performed well against several powerhouse groups.

Instrumental director Zachary Tileston reports that Paul Joseph and Todd Connery were the recipients of outstanding musicianship awards for their individual performances.

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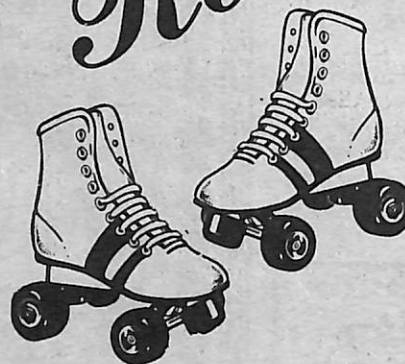
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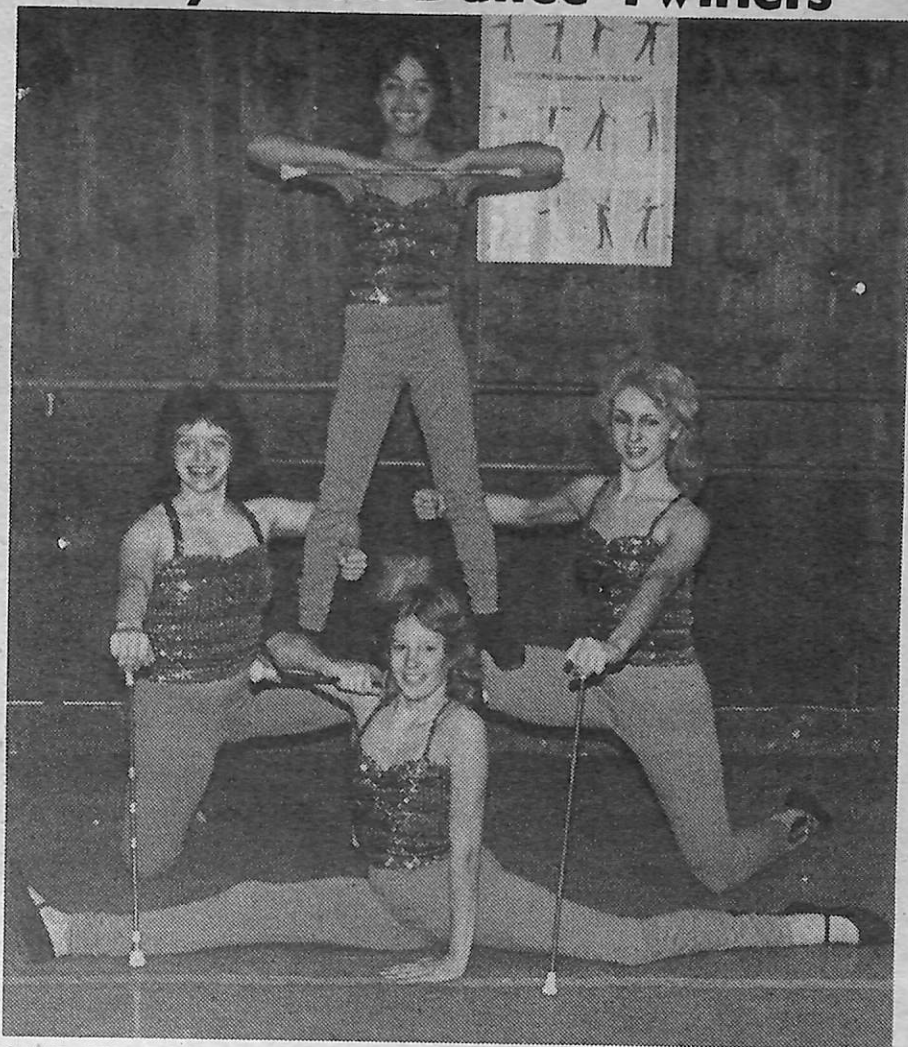
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"Very Small Dance Twirlers"

CONGRATULATIONS to the Massachusetts 1985 "Very Small Dance Twirl Champions" of the Academy of Artistic Performance Dance Studio. Pictured are, Kristy Wage of Feeding Hills (front); Linda Burnett of Agawam, Kerri Tymeson of Westfield, and Melanie Moodie of Feeding Hills, (back row, from left). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Melanie Moodie Named As Miss Majorette of Mass.

Melanie Moodie, 14, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Moodie of 85 Coronet Circle, Feeding Hills, was named "Miss Majorette of Massachusetts" for the second straight year. The contest was held in Lexington, Mass., on January 6th.

The competition consisted of three parts - solo twirling, X strutting, and model (with interview). Miss Moodie placed first in both solo twirling and X strutting, as well as second in modeling. The combination of these three scores earned her the title she first won in 1984.

Miss Moodie competes in the intermediate division of the girls' 13-15 age bracket. She has now earned the privilege of competing in the nationals to be held at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, this summer.

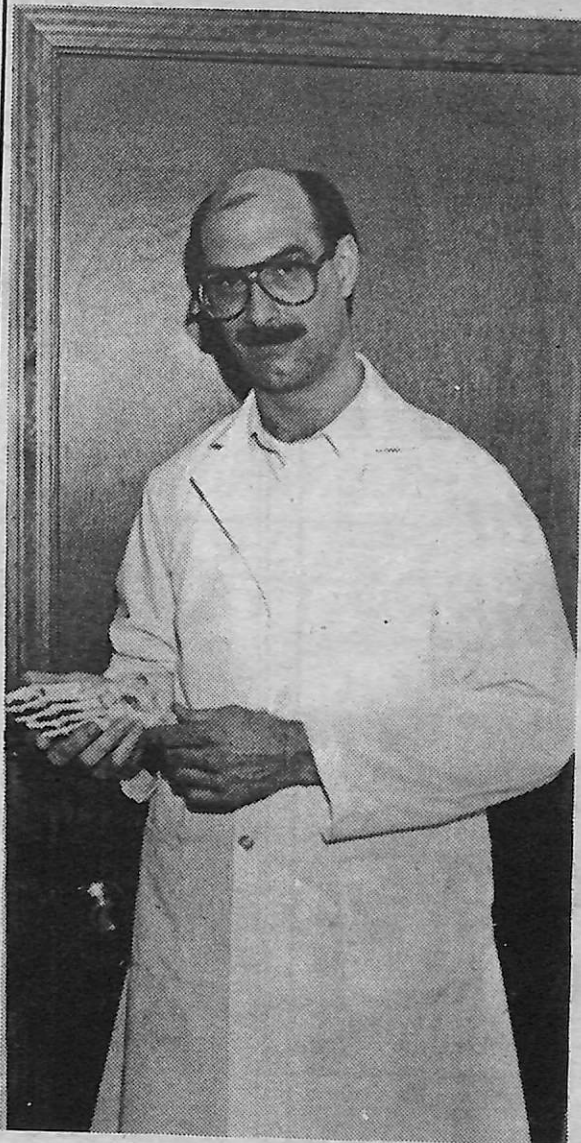
This past December at a competition in Forestville, Connecticut, Miss Moodie won the title of "Miss Snowflake", along with first place in a show twirl.

A student at the Academy of Artistic Performance in Agawam, Miss Moodie has been twirling and dancing under the direction of Nancy Locke and Debbie McManus.

"Miss Majorette Mass."

"MISS MAJORETTE OF MASSACHUSETTS", Melanie Moodie, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Moodie. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Marching Mohawks Named Top Band At St. Patrick's Parade

The Agawam High School "Marching Mohawks" took the award as best high school marching unit at the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade.

About half of the 40 bands in the parade were high school units. In recent years, this has not been a competitive parade for school groups. However, according to the listing of parade awards in the *Holyoke Transcript-Telegram*, the Agawam High School Band and Color Guard were listed as the award winner for the Best Marching Unit.

The parade, which is billed as the second largest in the country, normally draws crowds of over 200,000, in addition to complete television coverage. This year's turn-out was no exception. The Marching Mohawks also received four minutes of full coverage of their performance at the reviewing stand by TV-22, as one of three bands invited by the parade committee to stop and perform.

The unit is now starting to prepare for their trip to Wildwood, New Jersey, for the Mid-Atlantic Festival of Champions which is expected to feature 25-30 high schools from up to a dozen eastern states.

Competitive events at this festival will include field performance, parade, indoor color guard, percussion ensemble, and drum major categories.

Other Agawam units going to Wildwood for this festival will be the Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Zachary Tileston, and the Show Choir and Chorale, under the direction of Stephen Files.

All funds to pay for the Wildwood trip will come from student and parent fundraising, or will be paid directly by those going to the May 11th to 13th event.

In all, some 160 students and 28 adults will make the trip to Wildwood.

The festival has received more than usual national attention. It was announced that the winning color guard from this particular event will have the chance to send members to the official color guard for the McDonald's All-American Band in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, in New York City next fall.

Many outstanding units have been attracted to the Wildwood event with this prize in mind.

Science Museum Offers Courses For Spring

Registrations are now being taken for spring science courses at the Springfield Science Museum. Eight children's courses and three adult courses are being offered.

"Animals and Their Young" will be offered for children aged 3-4 on three Saturdays in June. Children aged 4-5 will be able to discover "What Happened To My Caterpillar" on two mornings during April school vacation week.

For children aged 5-6, "Springtime Adventure" investigates the wonders of plants and animals through crafts, games, and nature adventures. "Egg-Citement" for children aged 6-8, investigates the egg, a natural sign of spring, with a close-up look at the museum's vast egg collection and some fun egg-speriments.

Two courses are being given for children aged 7-9. "Dinosaur Diggers" explores how fossils provide clues to the past and gives children the chance to create their own fossils. "All About Reptiles, Birds and Mammals" takes children on explorations through the museum halls and introduces live turtles, snakes, and owls.

For older children, aged 10-13, "Astronomy II" provides an in-depth look at the planets, stars, galaxies, and comets in the museum's planetarium. Children of this age group can also experiment with plants and animals to learn how certain traits are inherited and how life continues from generation to generation in "Discovering Genetics."

Adult courses include "Beyond Binoculars: An Introduction to Ornithology," presented in cooperation with Laughing Brook Education Center. This Wednesday evening course is for those who are ready to go a step beyond field identification to the hows and whys of bird biology and behavior.

On four Saturday mornings in May and June, adults will take car trips to four different field sites for "Spring Wildflower Identification." And on Tuesday evenings, the museum will again offer its extremely popular six-session course on "Basic 35MM Camera Use."

For specific program dates and times and to register, please contact the Science Museum at 733-1194, extension 322 or 323, Tuesday to Friday. Registration for all courses is limited and a fee is charged.

Agawam High School Parents Night



MRS. JOHN LECLAIRE of Agawam attended the recent "Parents Night" at Agawam High School and here Mrs. LeClaire discusses subject matter with Mildred Reed, an English teacher at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AFS Students Visit Ag. Congo Church



MYRA ROJAS (left) of Venezuela, and Charles Dumon of France, American Field Service students (AFS) at Agawam High School recently spoke before members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH officers Alice Moore (left), treasurer, and Ruth Galica, president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Parents For Transportation Plan Annual Fashion Show

The Agawam Parents for Transportation will be holding their first Annual Fashion Show on April 10th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Parish Center of St. John's Church on Main Street, Agawam.

The show theme this year is "Color Me Rainbows" and consists of spring fashions for junior, misses and the larger-sized woman. The show will also have children's active wear, and prom gowns for the spring formals.

Participating in this year's show will be Bridal Showcase of West Springfield, Modern Women of Springfield, James Antoni of Feeding Hills, and Shirley's Kids of Longmeadow.

Flowers will be provided by Feeding Hills Florists, and hairstyles by Sincerely Yours Beauty Center, Longmeadow.

Tickets are \$5 each, and can be obtained by calling 789-0862 or 786-2754.

Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be awarded.

James Clark P.T.O. Dance A Success!

The James Clark P.T.O. held their first "Spring Dance" on Saturday, March 23rd, at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills, to raise money for playground equipment.

More than 150 P.T.O. members, friends and family members came to support the efforts of the dance committee members, Pat Belisle, Donna Harvey, Kathy Dumas and Maggie Gage, by dancing the night away.

The committee would like to thank the Polish American Club for the use of their pavilion; to local stores who allowed posters advertising the dance including, Cumberland Farms, Main Street, Ames, Big Y, Food Mart, Agawam Public Market, Building 451; and to the following businesses for their generous donations, Agawam Twin Cinemas, Riverside Park, Agawam Stables, Dunkin' Donuts, Agawam Bowl,

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Special thanks go to James Clark first grade teachers Miss Mardeusz for suggesting the Polish American Club, and to Mrs. Curnow, for her suggestions, ideas and help with the dance, including the food she made and donated.

Thanks to all the moms and dads who helped set-up and decorate for the dance, baked "goodies" and helped clean-up afterwards.

The James Clark P.T.O. "Spring Dance" was a big success - thanks to all involved!

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menus

Monday, April 1st: Filet of chicken sandwich in roll, mayonnaise, buttered mixed vegetables, peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, April 2nd: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian bread, buttered green beans, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday, April 3rd: Hamburg in roll, sliced cheese, steamed rice, buttered mixed

vegetables, mustard, relish, ketchup, chocolate pudding with whip topping, or chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, April 4th: Cold cut sandwich with cheese and lettuce in roll, buttered niblet corn, applesauce or Easter cake with vanilla icing, milk.

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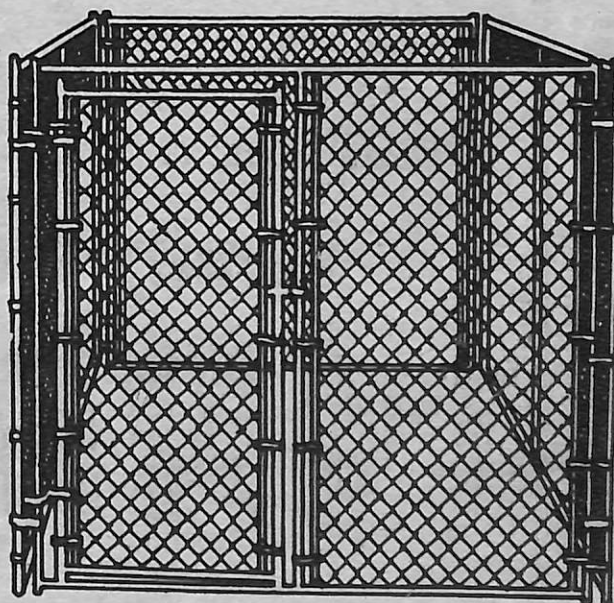
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Sports

AAA Continues To Prosper

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

What began with a bank account of \$17 and the support of 14 townspeople back on March 27th, 1971, has flourished into a well-run, highly-regarded organization that benefits the children of this town - namely the Agawam Athletic Association.

The AAA celebrated its 14th anniversary at presstime (Wednesday) and plans are now being considered for a 15th year celebration in 1986.

Thanks to the pioneering efforts of Gerald J. Mason, of 854 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, the AAA's first president, the AAA was able to grow by leaps and bounds in his 10 years as president.

Mason turned over the AAA helm to Daniel Lacienski in 1981 and the AAA continues to prosper. Almost an entirely new cast of townspeople are now responsible for the operation of the association.

Very Humble Beginnings

The AAA's humble beginnings came out of "necessity," according to Mason.

"The individual athletic programs that the town offered at that time were not enough to accommodate the expanding number of children that wished to participate. We took over all the leagues and put them under one organization," he said.

As time went on, new programs were offered and youth athletic programs for girls got underway. Sports such as baseball, soccer, basketball, track, swimming, and wrestling were under the AAA umbrella at one time or another.

While Mason is widely-recognized as the AAA's founder, he was supported by a group of dedicated individuals in those early days. Included on this original list of officials were Kenneth Barnes, boys' vice-president; Raymond Saracino, treasurer; Donald Rheault, baseball commissioner; Robert Hersey, basketball commissioner; and Edward Plante, football commissioner. Hersey, of course, is still quite involved 14 years later and serves as the AAA's vice president.

"There's no question that it took a lot of hard work to get the association going," said Mason. "I couldn't have done it alone and the support I received was incredible."

With the association in its baptism of fire, fundraising proved to be a major challenge for them. Fundraising efforts of all types, executed by association members, parents, and children, saw that original \$17 balloon into a very substantial amount in 1985.

The money collected is used for uniforms, league fees, officials, facilities, and other needs of the association.

When Mason retired from his post in August 1981, the association was running in high gear. Did he have any regrets about leaving?

"When I left, I felt confident that the association was running very smoothly, and that the people still involved were doing their best," he said, adding, "All the original hard work paid off and I felt it was time for me to step down."

Mason said that in observing the association since he left, it has continued to grow, but still maintains its original goals. "I think that's a tribute to the people who are involved now," he said.

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When Lacienski assumed the role as president, he said that most of the groundwork had been established by Mason and his former associates.

"It was easy to take over," admitted Lacienski, who resides on South West Street, with his wife and three children. "All the tough work had been done over the years and the association was in excellent shape."

"Certainly, there is still much work required to keep it functioning properly, but the job was made easier thanks to the efforts of the founders."

Lacienski is aided by several townspeople who help carry-on what the original 14 members started.

He is joined by Hersey, as well as Edward Connor, treasurer; Ernie & Judy Tetreault, baseball commissioners; Barbara Goehlert, girls' basketball commissioner; Irene Scalise, swim commissioner; Lee Lacienski, softball commissioner; Art Serra, secretary; and Gerri Miliken, girls' vice-president.

Lacienski said that while the AAA hasn't changed its structure over the past four years, it has expanded and improved its delivery of programs. An example of this is the successful suburban boy' and girls' basketball programs.

Lacienski said the purpose of the AAA remains to be a feeder system for the high school level programs, and to offer children the positive benefits of competitive athletics.

The various programs of the AAA are open to boys and girls 5-15 years old.

Proud Of Scholarships

There is another function of the association that Mason began years ago that Lacienski is quite proud of - the awarding of scholarships to college-bound students who graduate from Agawam High. The AAA offers three primary scholarships in addition to 13 others.

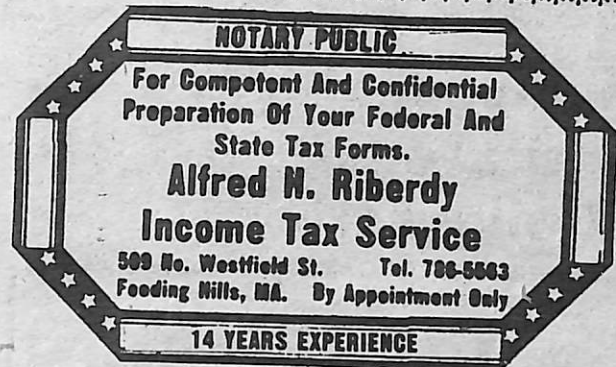
The scholarships are given each year through fundraising efforts and are based on three criteria: 1) number of years the student participated in the AAA; 2) academic standing; and 3) the ability to go out and do something for one's self, such as a part-time job.

Free Self-Defense Workshop Offered On March 29th

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AHS Skiers End Season With Annual Banquet At Casa Di Lisa

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' and girls' ski teams held their end of the season banquet at the popular Casa Di Lisa Ristorante on Friday, March 22nd, and there was plenty to celebrate.

The banquet took a look back at the Brownies' 1984-85 season on the slopes and from all indications, both players, parents, and friends liked what they saw.

Ralph Merullo, a former AHS varsity hockey coach (1969-71 and 1973-76), was the ski team's first year coach. Under his direction, the locals skiers improved over last year's mark.

Both the boys (C Division) and the girls (B Division) finished fourth in their respective leagues.

Combined, there were 23 Brownie skiers, 15 of them sophomores, in the largest turnout in the program's history.

According to Merullo, it wasn't just the numbers that accounted for the team's improved status.

"We had set a goal as a team to move up at least one notch in the standings over last year. Well, they did that and more," said Merullo, an industrial arts teacher at the Agawam Junior High.

"The kids were a hardworking group and they tried to achieve individual notoriety, which in turn helped our team standing."

The top skiers for each team were given special recognition by Merullo.

For the girls, talented sophomore Lynne Waryasz, the team's captain, enjoyed a banner season. She earned a second place finish in the Division B standings and placed an impressive fourth at the Western Mass. Tournament.

Because of Waryasz's total point accumulation during the season, she qualified for the recent Bay State Games. Here, she finished in the middle of the pack of over 100 competitors, according to Merullo.

Another hardworking sophomore, captain Mike Malinoski, was the boys' top finisher as he placed ninth overall in Division C.

"Both Lynne and Mike were selected as captains at the beginning of the season. Obviously, their teammates could see in them leadership qualities, even though both were sophomores," noted Merullo. "They proved to be good inspirations for the rest of the team."

Other notable accomplishments were that of three skiers who finished among the top ten during at least one meet during the season. This group included Leigh Whittaker, Joe Annone, and Andy Gentile.

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When Gene Murphy was appointed as speedway director, he made a commitment to provide a "family admission plan." His first commitment to that program was a standard admission price last season for all Nascar Races at Riverside of \$5.95 for adults and 95 cents for children, eight years of age and under.

In keeping with that program, Murphy has announced that even though there will be increases in the cost of the race program, the admission price will remain the same for 1985.

All race events at Riverside (except Winston 200), including the specials, will be priced at 1984 prices: adults \$5.95 and kids 95 cents.

The second step in Murphy's plan is the Season Ticket Package, which offers a cash refund rain-out policy, VIP seating and a free gift.

Riverside Speedway Promotional Manager Ben Dodge Jr., is pleased with the policy of the same price on admission next season.

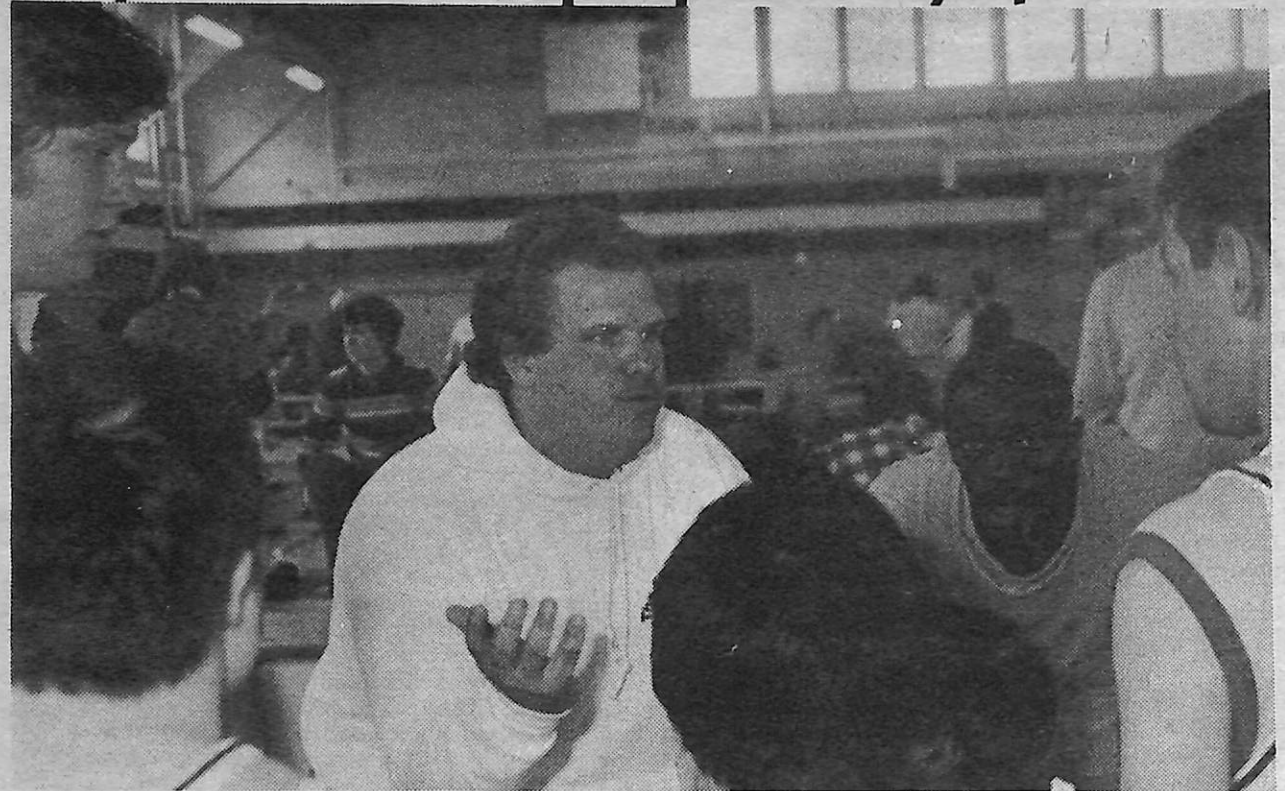
"Last season the program was a big success. It attracted thousands of new fans to the sport. By keeping the prices the same and offering a combination ticket, we have one of the best deals in New England. No one else can offer a deal like this," said Dodge.

"Riverside will also offer the same low admission price of \$5 for all Nascar members in the pit area, with two free ladies passes offered per car for the 1985 season," said Dodge.

In 1983, Riverside built one of the largest roller coasters in the world, the Coney Island Cyclone Roller Coaster replica. This roller coaster has gained national acclaim.

But at the same time, Riverside's race program was also breaking new records. On Saturday, April 6th, Riverside will begin the 1985 season with the Nascar Modifieds and the Pro Stocks. Nascar's leading drivers are expected, including Stan Greger, Mike Stefanik and Richie Evans.

Gary Desimone Helps Special Olympics



GARY DESIMONE, coach of the Golden Nuggets, a basketball team from the Agawam-Springfield area, maps a winning strategy with his team during the Special Olympics Spring Games at Fort Devens March 23rd-24th. The Golden Nuggets won gold medals in the Senior A Division by beating a Malden team in the last seconds of the final game. In all, more than 500 Special Olympians competed at the games hosted by the U.S. Army for the third consecutive year.



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Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Acid Rain A Problem

Acid rain is a serious problem for the Northeast states, New York, and Canada.

April 14th to the 20th has been selected as "Awareness Week of Acid Rain." Schools throughout the state have been sent material declaring the same and teachers are asked to sponsor a poster contest in grades six to ten. The teachers in every school that participates will select the three best posters and send them to Acid Rain Contest, P. O. Box 771, Barry, MA 01005 by April 10th. The winners will be on display at the MDC Center, Windsor Dam, Quabbin.

Wild Turkey Seminar

There is so much interest in wild turkey hunting and the thirst for more knowledge about this new (to the modern hunter) and old sport is boundless. Tony Marciel and this writer decided that we would host a seminar using a nationally known turkey hunter as a guest speaker.

We asked Charlie Burleson, turkey calling champion and an accomplished New York hunting guide to assist us. Mr. Burleson is a manufacturer of the famous Burleson "Gobbler Getters" slate and diaphragm mouth calls. Charlie has the distinction of acutally calling 156 tom turkeys to the gun.

The seminar will be held April 13th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Polish American Club on Route 57, Feeding Hills. Admission is \$3. The session will encompass: locating turkeys, calling with all types of calls, shotgun and bow information, safety, turkey hunting etiquette, camouflage, inside secrets of a turkey guide and turkey hunting equipment will be available. Door prizes, free coffee and other material will be available for the turkey hunter.

22% From 1983

The fall turkey harvest was finalized in Vermont and showed a drop of 22% in turkey kills from 1983. 345 wild turkeys were bagged during the season which ran from October 20th to November 4th.

However, turkey project leader Scott Darling attributes the lower harvest to the abundant mast crop that was available in the woods last fall. "When mast crops, such as beechnuts and acorns are abundant, the birds disperse to higher elevations to feed and are more difficult to hunt," commented Darling.

Big Game Program

Hunters having bagged that once in a lifetime North American big game animal can be recognized for their achievement through the National Rifle Association's (NRA) Big Game Hunter Awards Program.

NRA offers 14 award categories in four hunting methods: modern firearms (handguns and long guns), muzzleloading firearms, and bows.

The program is open to any NRA member. Eligible hunters should submit an NRA hunter information form, responsible hunter affidavit and a hunter made measurement report. These forms are available from NRA's Hunter Services Division.

Riverside Speedway Sets Special Events Dates

Gene Murphy, the speedway director, of New England's most successful one-quarter mile Nascar facility, Riverside Speedway, has announced the dates for the 1985 Nascar Special Double Point Shows at Riverside. These special events will be some of the biggest events of the season.

Riverside's first "Double Point Show" for the Nascar Modifieds will be on Saturday, April 20th, for the Bud Light Spring Challenge '85. This will be an 85-lap event paying \$1400 for first, \$1000 for second, and \$875 for third.

The second double point modified event will be on Saturday, July 6th, for the King of Beers 100, a 100-lap modified feature with another impressive purse.

And the third double point show will be the biggest event of the season on August 24th, the R.J. Reynolds Winston 200. This event pays \$2500 for first, \$2000 for second, and \$1500 for third.

The Pro Stocks will also have three Double Point Shows. The first will be on April 13th, the first event of the year for the Pro Stocks. The event will pay \$600 for first, \$400 for second, and \$300 for third. The second Pro Stock Double Point Show will be on June 15th, for the Big Y Discount Liquor Night. The third will be the final point race of the season on August 31st, a Bud Light Bonus Program.

Street Stocks are also scheduled for the Double Points on June 1st, for the Manchester Oil Heat 100. The Double Point Shows for the streets will pay \$225 for first, \$175 for second, and \$145 for third. Riverside's final Nascar event on August 31st, will be the final Double Point Show for the streets.

Riverside Park Speedway will open its 1985 season on April 6th, with the Eagle Snacks 100, and will continue with Nascar action through October.

On a regular basis, gates open every Saturday at 5:00 p.m., with action at 7:00 p.m. Admission is family-priced for all events at just \$5.95 for adults, and 95 cents for children, 8 years of age and under. A season ticket, with a rainout guarantee, is offered at just \$125.

St. Louis Continues To Lead Tri-Parish Bowl

Round Two winner St. Louis (first place-13½ wins) continues to hold the lead after four weeks of rolling in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League. Hot on the trail is Boston College (2nd place-12 wins).

St. Lou continues to prove they are a leading team to take the grand championship. In peppering HC, 3½ gamesto ½-game (for HC), JOHN MLINEK began the night on good footing with a 289. RENEE JURY then followed with a 292. A real hot pepper, FELIX PEPPER, launched a 326 for St. Lou in stopping an ailing MAYBETH COUGHLIN, our famous "Miss Consistent" for HC.

Poor Maybeth had a 280 but was having problems with her hip. She fractured it several years ago and this still causes her problems from time-to-time. In a good battle, St. Lou captain DEBBIE POIRIER (324) just defeated HC substitute captain STEVE ROVITHIS (321). On vacation in sunny California is HC captain JOHN "The Braggard" CHEKOVSKY.

Boston College enjoyed a three-win to one night over sagging Fordham (8th place-7 wins). BOBBY MOCCIO (338) crunched Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL (297) and this was more than enough to secure the win. DORIS KRZYKOWSKI (321) had a big night as well. Fordham winners included STELLA BARBIERI (284) and Da Vinci's Restaurant employee STEVE DEVANEY (279).

Third place St. Michael (10½ wins) took 3½ wins from Loyola (5th place-8½ wins). Leading the way for St. Mike's was captain MIKE O'CONNELL. Old Mikey fired a 358 to really lay the wood to a stunned Loyola captain EDDIE ANDERSON (298). That's a 60-pin difference! Also winning for St. Mike's was JANICE MOCCIO (291). Rolling well for the losers, despite the poor rolling of their captain, were SHARON WRIGHT (309) and DANA MARQUIS (291). STEP STEPANIAN also had a good night with a 303, but he still lost to Sharon

Wright.

Georgetown, now a fourth place team (10 wins), stopped a disappointing St. Mary's team (11th place-4 wins), three wins to one. G-Town winners were PAT RESCIGNO (256) and captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (339). Al left proud but outgunned St. Mary's captain FRED MORASSI (298) in the dust. Rolling well for the losers were GAIL BLAIR (296) and AUDREY PHILLIPS (272).

The up-and-down (mostly down this year) Catholic University (9th place-6 wins)squad came alive this week and dealt St. Anselm (6th place-8 wins) a crushing blow, four wins to none. VENETTA SNYDER won her match for St. A's, by stopping her future daughter-in-law, LAURA SMITH, 275-248. But it was all downhill from there. JM MCNAMEE, subbing for JEAN BUONICONTI, fired a 288 for the winners. Then, captain JIM SNYDER cracked St. A's captain VI MASSOIA, 350-306, and that was all she wrote.

For St. A's, RICHIE SNYDER, who watched his mom defeat his future bride, got mad and hit a fine 334, out-dueling RAY BARBIERI of the winners (302).

Round One winners Villanova (7th place-7 wins) are creeping up the standings somewhat, but split with a deadpan Notre Dame team (10th place-6 wins), two wins each.

In this tough battle, ND winners were JAY LAGODITZ (268), and new captain BILLY COLSON (352). Bill really saved the day for ND. He needed a good night. Villanova captain, our famous Lordly Barber, FRANK RESCIGNO, was on top of his game with a 336. Teammate RON HAMEL, our famous jewelry expert from Letalien Jewelers, had a 318-250 crushing of retired army man JOE RESCIGNO. The Lordly one was fairly pleased after this match as he tries to get his team ready for the playoffs.

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Frank Morassi Known For Blue Collar Ethics On Brownie Gridiron

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When 5'7", 175-pound Frank "The Beefer" Morassi played defensive middle guard for then powerful Agawam High football Brownies from 1963-65, he was the smallest player on the interior line.

But, his determination, guts and all-out, go-get-'em efforts overcame any size disadvantage as he bulldozed his way through three successful years on the varsity under former coach Harry Leonardi.

Morassi, who graduated in 1966, played on the next-to-the-last year of the four decade AHS dynasty on the gridiron.

A smile a mile wide crossed his bearded-face when he began to talk about those days as a member of the football Brownies. "Quite simply, we were the pride of the town back then. It was a real honor to play and represent the town."

Began Playing Varsity As A Sophomore

Morassi began playing football in the 7th grade, under then junior high coach Cliff Kibbe. By the time he reached his sophomore year, the spunky lineman earned the right to see action on the varsity level.

He said being a member of a Leonardi team was an experience he'll never forget.

"Harry was a disciplinarian. He inspired you; brought out the desire in you; made you work hard for your position," recalled Morassi, who resides at 15 Tracy Drive, with his wife and son.

"Everyday under Harry was a challenge. You were never guaranteed a permanent position. You had to earn it every time on the field."

At that time, Leonardi was also the coach of the Agawam semi-professional football team, the Acorns. Morassi felt Leonardi worked the Brownies as hard as he did the Acorns.

Tried To Give 150 Percent

According to the quite personable Morassi, he never saw himself as a "super athlete," but someone who gave 150 percent each time on the field. This blood and guts attitude earned him the reputation as one of those "tough-nosed-kids" - a lineman who was never afraid to get into the thick of the grimy trenches.

Battling with much bigger opponents, laughed Morassi, "made me spit-out dirt after almost every play. But I think it was worth it and I think I earned their respect before the game was over."

Morassi added, "Even if you give an above 100 percent effort and you lose, you still come up a winner. As long as you give our best, then that's what counts and what you'll remember most," he said, echoing several of Leonardi's philosophies.

Besides excelling physically on the gridiron, the excitable Morassi also assumed the role as a team motivator. He could often be seen, and especially heard, leading chants and pumping up his teammates in preparation for a big game.

Success Speaks For Itself

Not a stickler for statistics, Morassi recalled that his last two years on the varsity were both undefeated seasons. This was part of Agawam's incredible, three-year undefeated streak in 1964, 1965, and 1966.

Morassi was quick to praise former teammates Ron Young, Sam Provo, Len Patnode, and John Connolly, who were instrumental in the Brownies' overwhelming success.

One game in particular during his junior year (1964) is very special to Morassi.

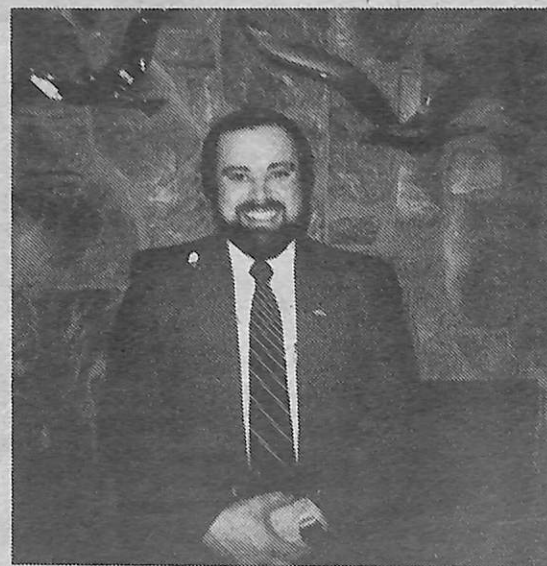
In a meeting of two undefeated teams, the Brownies, in a thrilling, down-to-the-wire game, downed Holyoke to clinch the AA Conference championship.

"I really don't remember specifics about the game, but I do know that everyone dug down deep and gave it their all to come back and win it. I can remember being totally exhausted, but it was one of the sweetest victories I can ever remember," he said.

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FRANK MORASSI AS A SENIOR at Agawam High.



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MORASSI - From Page 33...

After graduation from AHS, Morassi enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he spent 13 months of his three-year stint in Vietnam. When he was honorably discharged, he had attained the rank of sergeant.

He married the former Carol Wells, also an Agawam native, in 1967.

After various jobs, Morassi now enjoys very successful employment with Preston Trucking, Inc., of East Windsor, Connecticut. He is a district sales representative.

He is also involved in several community activities, including eight years as a coach in the Agawam Athletic Association. He was recently appointed boys' baseball commissioner in the association's 8-10

league.

Morassi's 13 year-old son, Michael, is involved in the AAA's baseball and basketball programs, much to the delight of his father.

Springfield College To Host Annual Wheelchair Games

Applications are now being accepted to participate in the 20th anniversary New England Wheelchair Games sponsored by the New England Wheelchair Association, May 10th to 12th, on the campus of Springfield College, according to Darryl C. Willette, chairman of the New England Wheelchair Games.

More than 100 wheelchair athletes are expected to compete in the annual games, the longest-running wheelchair competition in the United States, with the exception of the National Wheelchair Games.

"Springfield College with its century-long tradition of excellence in the field of physical education and sport will for the second consecutive year provide the perfect setting for the games," said Willette. "Its central location and concentrated playing facilities for the athletes were a big attraction in the success of last year's competition."

Participants in the three-day competition will contend in a variety of events, including track and field, swimming, archery, table tennis, weightlifting, slalom and pentathlon. New activities this year include wheelchair tennis, an air gun competition, and a special 3,000-meter race open only to quadriplegics and unique to the New England Wheelchair Games.

All events will be held in the college's Blake Arena, Art Linkletter Natatorium and Blake Track and Field.

There are approximately 16 sanctioned regional meets around the country at which competitors can qualify for entry in the National Wheelchair Games, to be held June 10th to 15th at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Wheelchair competitions are held in about 56 countries around the world and involve more than 20,000 athletes.

Sponsors of the New England Wheelchair Games include: McDonald's of Greater Springfield, The Coca-Cola Company, and wheelchair manufacturers Everest and Jennings Inc., of California, and Carbonite of Connecticut.

Deadline for entries in the regional competition at Springfield College is April 19th. Applications are available by writing the New England Wheelchair Athletic Association, 24 St. Paul Street No. 3, Brookline, MA, 02146, or by calling Sue Hallenborg or Kathy Rowe at (617) 956-5032 between 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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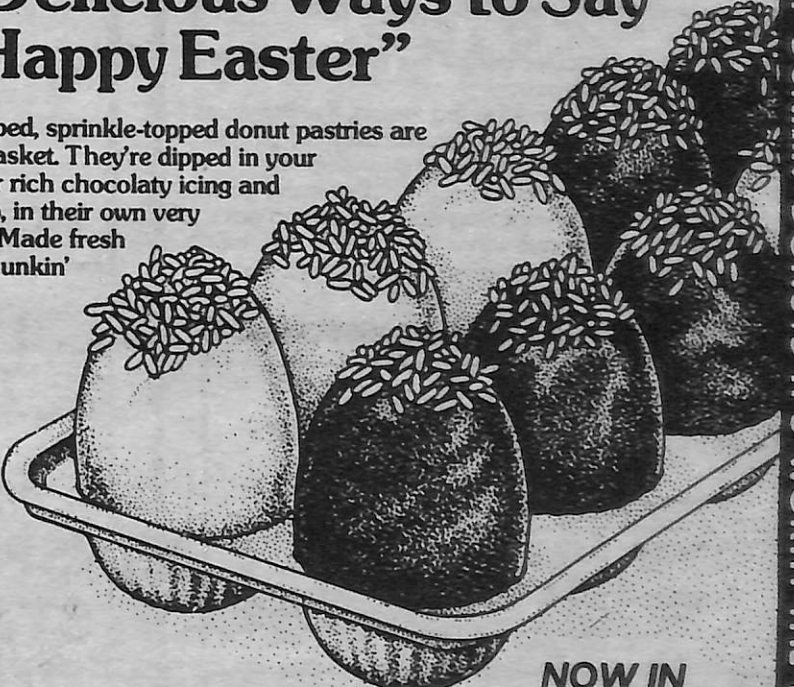
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On site inspection can be made on Wednesday, April 3, 1985 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Ma.

Specification requirements may be obtained at the Office of the Chief of Police, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Mass. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bids will be opened at Peirce Building, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. on Monday, April 8, 1985 at 4:00 p.m.

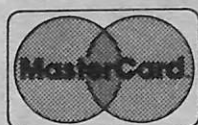
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